



**lookin' good**

**rebelaire**

**eighty-two**



To a very intelligent dog, that washes his hair  
once a month. John Ellis  
just  
Picking



Tom Mulhearn

**nineteen hundred & eighty-two**







# Rebelaire '82

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When your heart beats faster, you could be at the Neville PEP RALLY. Or you could be entering first period on the first day. Or you could have just heard your name and the instructions, "Go see Mr. Bates." Or you could be next in line to receive your diploma.

These may not be the instances that make your heart beat faster, but they, together with memories of West Monroe High School, could.

At WMHS we pinned the tiger; we lost but we had tried. We decreased in numbers, but we grew as individuals. We worked to build school pride; some got it, some didn't. We developed our personalities, but we blended our spirits. We began school late, but we learned the same lessons, thanks to the perseverance of the teachers. We worked together, we prayed together, we suffered together, and we matured together.

Whatever we were doing, we remained aware that always WMHS is

## LOOKIN' GOOD!



MYSTERY, SUSPENSE AND comedy are featured on the homecoming door display being checked by Jan Toms and Claudia Roberts at room 105.



LIKE THE LOCAL television station, Shannon Ratliff indicates her personal viewpoint of "Lookin' Good."



**BRIDGETTE ROBINSON**, baton in hand, strives for the finish line.



**IN WHAT WAS DUBBED** "a perfect track day," Willie Ross turns in a good pole vault performance for the Rebels at the Rebel Relays.



**AT THE ANNUAL Rebel Relays** in April, Coach Jack Williams advises Blaine Bates in the high jump competition.



**HOPING TO ADD** points to the Rebel effort, members of the relay team prepare for their race.

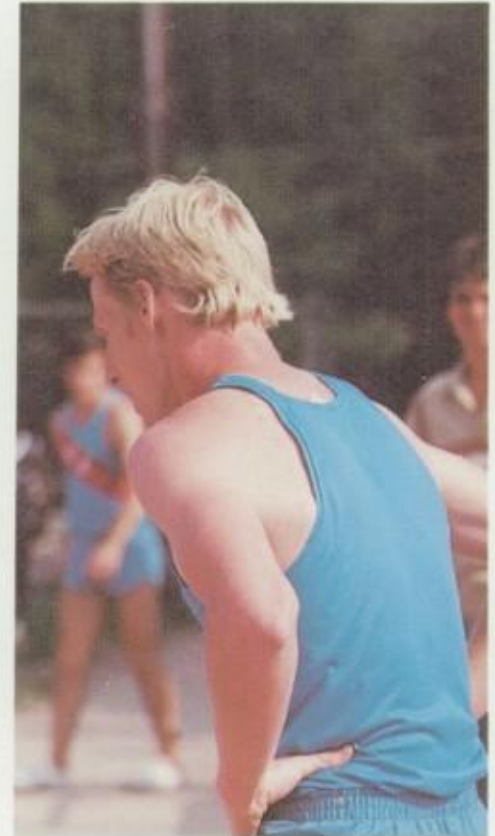
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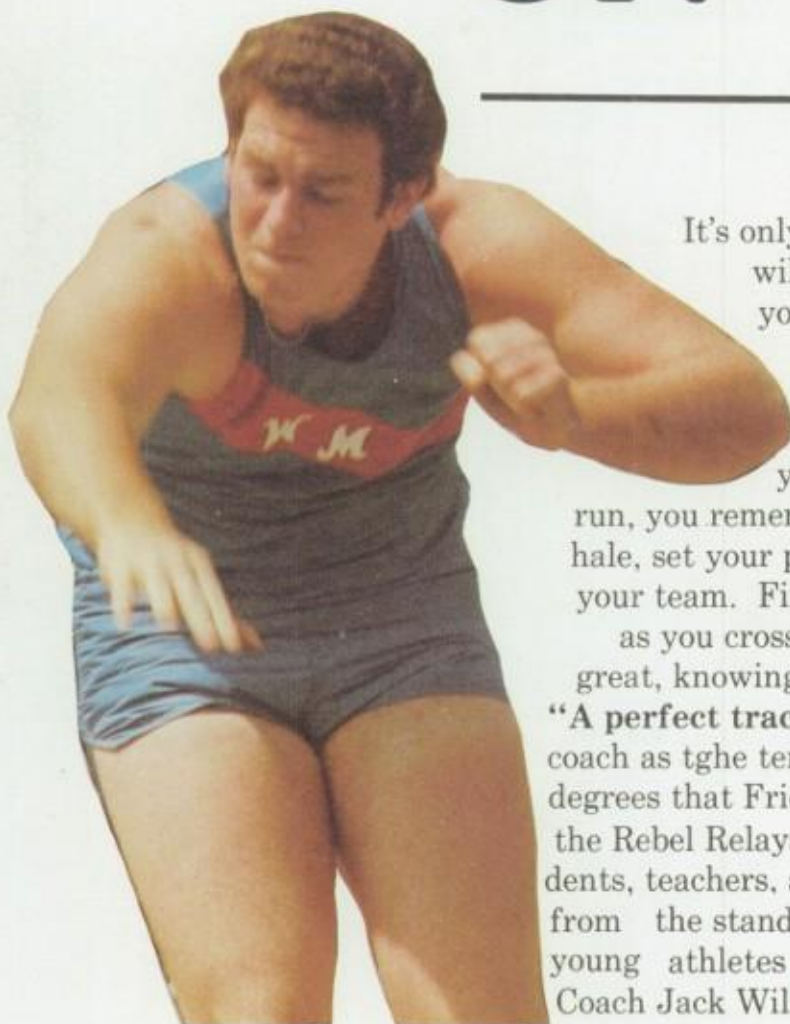


**WITH OPPONENTS LINING** the area, Freddie Watkins tries to stretch out his broad jump attempt.

**HAVING COMPLETED** his race, Kevin Kuhn pauses to catch his breath.



# ON THE RUN



It's only seconds before the gun will sound. The only thing you can think about is trying to calm the butterflies in your stomach. The shot rings out, and you begin to run. As you run, you remember to relax, inhale, exhale, set your pace, and earn points for your team. Finally, you are there, and as you cross the finish line, you feel great, knowing you gave your best try. **"A perfect track day,"** commented the coach as the temperature climbed to 82 degrees that Friday, April 10, 1981. At the Rebel Relays, 1,000 supporting students, teachers, and parents watched from the stands. This support inspires young athletes to do better, explained Coach Jack Williams, who added, "To

see a youngster come to WMHS, train, and improve is fulfilling and enjoyable."

Not only does running track give one the satisfaction of doing his best for the school, but also it helps keep one in shape. By being in good condition, an athlete will sleep better and feel better, commented one track runner.

The Rebel Relays consisted of not only distance and short runs, but also of individual field events, many of which require a certain amount of running. For Ronald Gant, who set a triple jump record with a performance of 44 feet, 7 inches in the broad jump event, a good running start was essential.

As evidence that WMHS has been "lookin' good," both boys' and girls' teams emerged as winners in the Rebel Relays. April 10 was indeed a **"perfect track day."**



# LOOKIN' GOOD (together)

"Looking closer as a whole, more like a family, more united." Don Harrell

"We're looking pretty good, as big as the school is. The whole school seems to have togetherness." Debi Jackson

"At first there was a lot of confusion, but now, I think, we're looking good." Principal Cecil Pirkey

"It's better because we are working harder together." Matt Word

"We're looking good. Everybody's pulling together and working harder, even though things are not going right for the football team." Cliff Chamblee.

"Everyone's looking good this year. We've all got it together." Lori Avant

WMHS serves a wide community, the only high school west of the Ouachita River. More than 1,500 students from this community enrolled in early September. From its many students' backgrounds, beliefs, and opinions, we find that most students come with a common bond of love and unity.

Our different personalities reflect different ideas. But when surveyed, all agreed, we're working together and "Lookin' good."

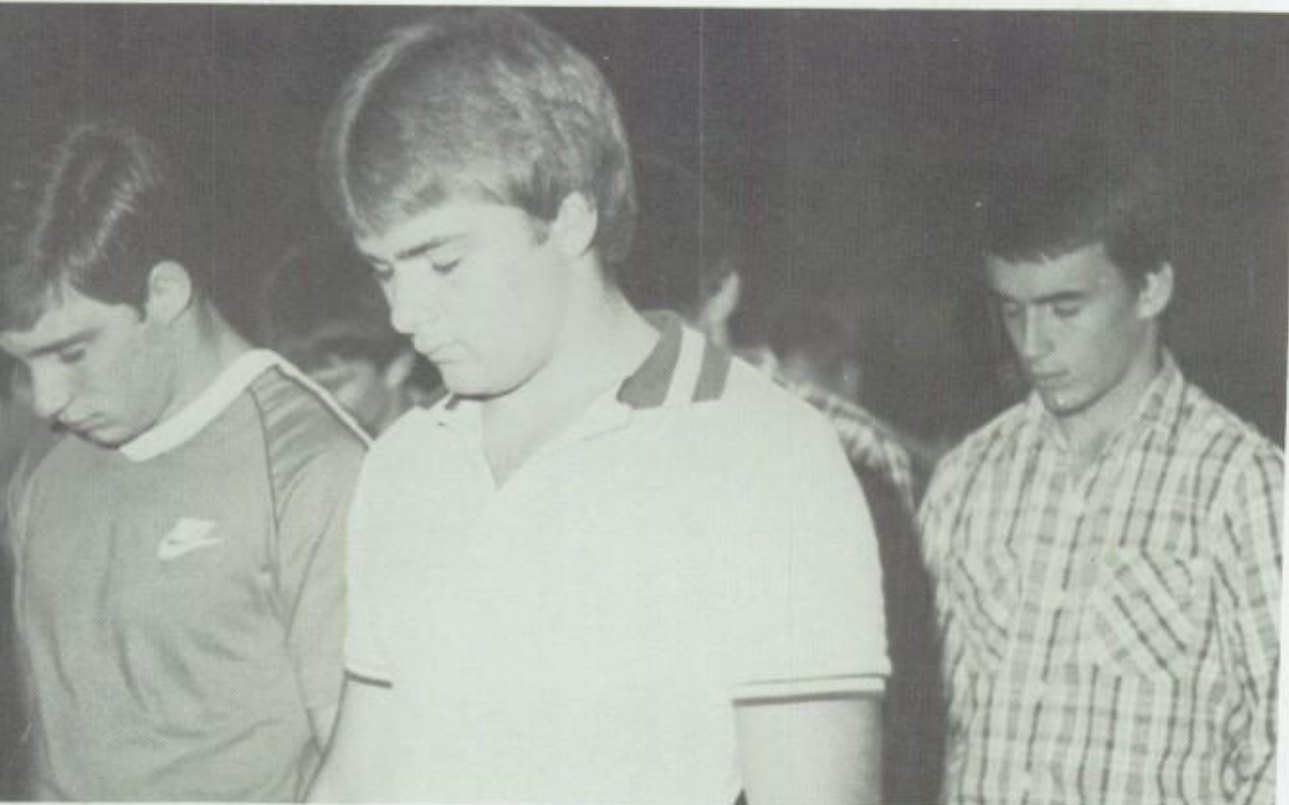


PERFORMANCES BY senior Rebel Raiders spark enthusiasm during pep rallies.

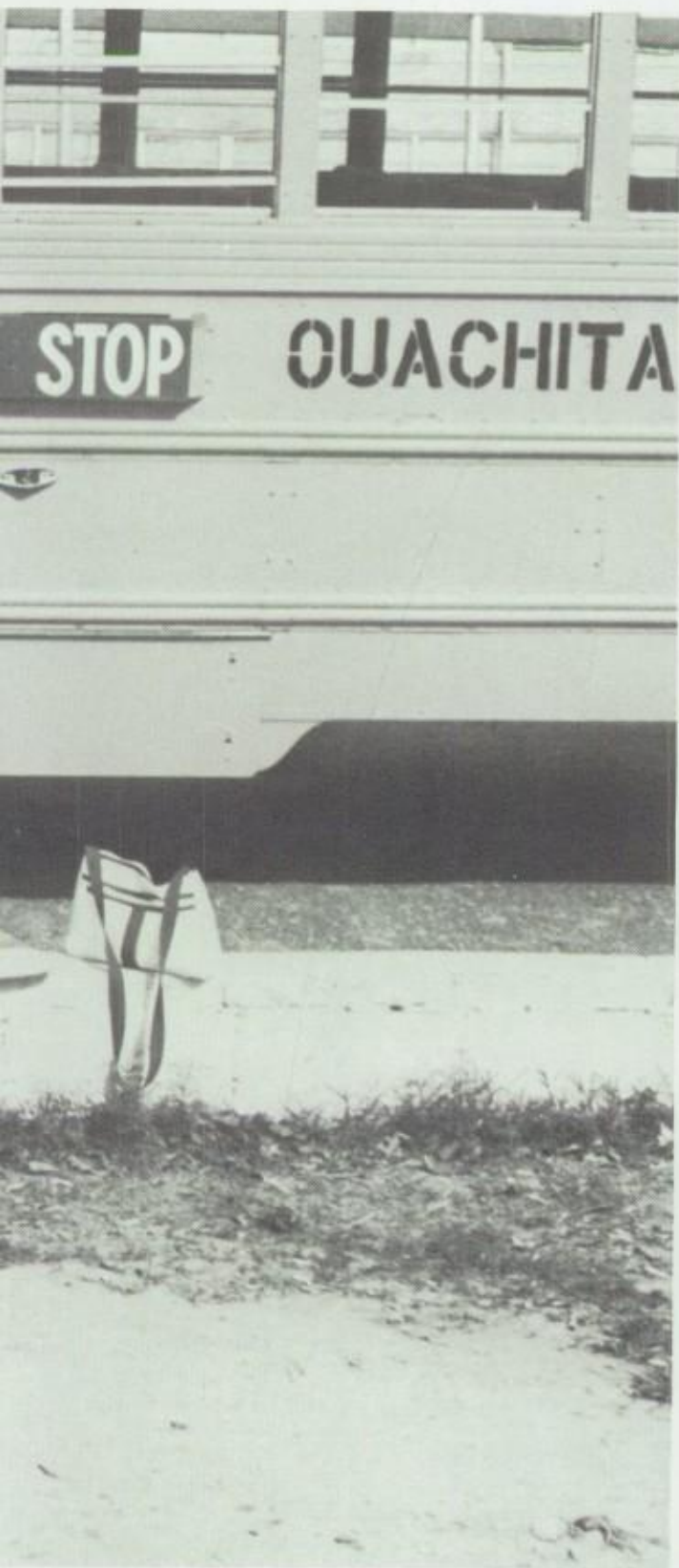
AFTER THE IMPROMPTU pep rally outside, Tammy Robinson and Joey Magee wait for the buses to run.







**IN A TRADITION** at WMHS, prayer closes out the pep meetings, as Jay Williams, Greg Morris, and Brad Bates bow their heads for prayer.



**SHOWING REBEL SPIRIT**, Tracye Fewell and Alan Gilbert hang signs in the hall to encourage Rebs to "Hunt down the Tigers."



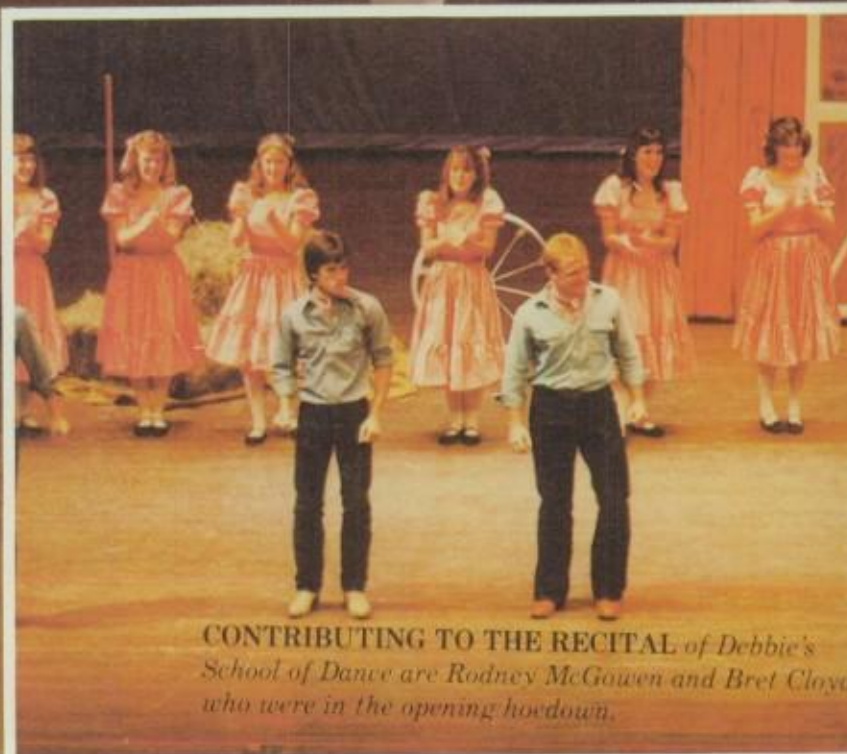
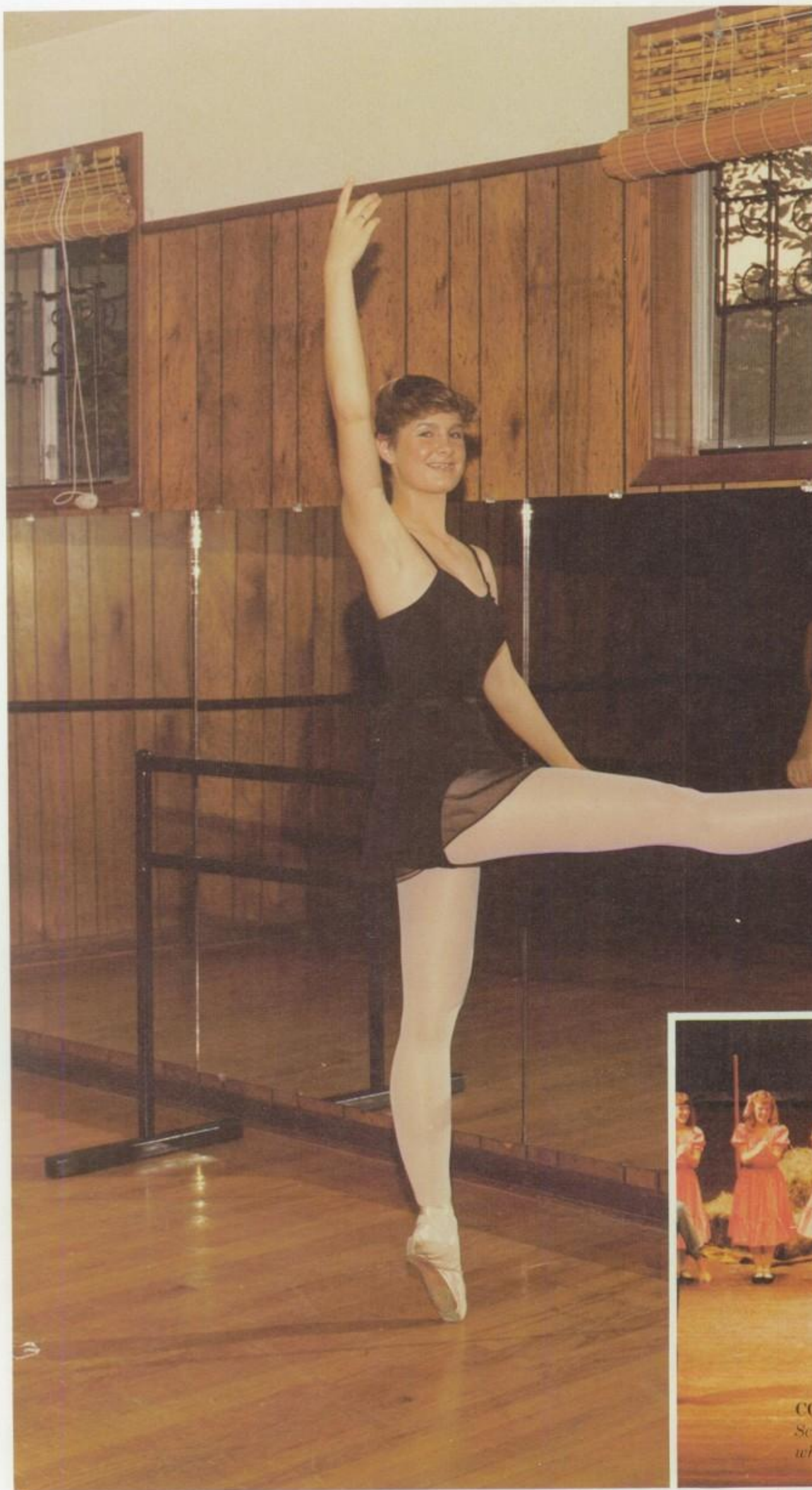
**LORI GATES BOOSTS** Cheryl Holman to her shoulders as cheerleaders form one of several kinds of pyramids.



**A MEMBER OF THE** *Twin City Ballet Troupe*, Michelle Lewis warms up at the barre prior to her lesson at Linda Lavendar's.

**IDA LANE TELLS THE** *parable of the sower and the seeds during the first performance of "Godspell," which was presented during the summer.*

**HAVING MADE HIS WAY** *up the scale with the baritone, Allen Gault plays during a Friday night football game.*



**CONTRIBUTING TO THE RECITAL** of Debbie's School of Dance are Rodney McGowen and Bret Cloyd, who were in the opening hoedown.





# MAKIN' IT Up the Scale

The applause stops. Silence descends upon the area. Heads turn to glimpse the next performer.

The time is now. The longest step awaits. With your mind and your body you have rehearsed each possible maneuver. As your time nears, you tense up, but confidence in your talent gives you the courage to proceed. Your instincts combine with a highly trained art to take over, and you are there.

"I feel nervous, like I want to turn and go back," explained Robbin Reeves, an accomplished pianist who is in annual recitals.

Learning to play the piano requires many hours of dedicated practice, as it

simultaneously helps develop a greater appreciation of music. However, piano lessons do not interest everyone who has musical talent. For those others, dance, voice, or instrumental proficiency is an art. Regardless of the type of musical inclination, one learns self-discipline and perhaps gains an insight into possible career opportunities.

Now the applause is for you, the musician. The performance seems short and well worth the effort. The acceptance of your performance generates a smile not only on your face but also on those around you. You experience a sense of relief and a sense of accomplishment, knowing that you have just given a good performance and are truly making it up the scale.



"WE BESEECH THEE" sings Doug McKnight, one of the cast members of "Godspell" in August, 1981.

SOUND FOUNDATION, a choir of high school students at First Baptist Church, presents its Spring Splendor concert.

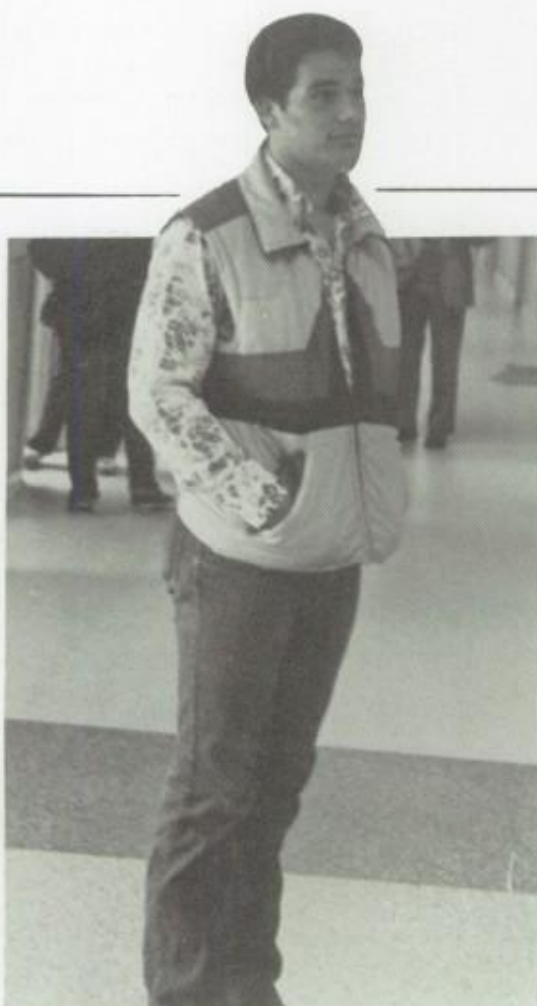


FOR MANY YOUNG people, dances provide musical entertainment as Jay Bonner and Wendy Wisenor relax during a break at the 1981 prom.





# PEOPLE, etc.



A long-time goal has been accomplished through the help of friends, as West Monroe and Ouachita Parish played a major role in Rodney McGowen's being elected as state 4-H president.

Not only is he a leader in 4-H, but also he serves as president of Student Council. During the summer and throughout the school year, Rodney continues to keep up with his 4-H projects.

His leadership training has influenced Rodney to pursue a career in politics. Rodney explained that the qualities he has learned and developed make him feel comfortable while speaking and offer him confidence in himself.



"I'll have a Big Mac, french fries, and a medium Coke." Such are the orders placed by teenagers at McDonald's on Thomas Road.

Long a favorite hangout for West Monroe teens, McDonald's parking lot is jammed on weekends with kids gossiping, flirting, and joking.

The golden arches are popular not only on Friday and Saturday nights, but also on Sunday nights after church. McDonald's is the place for young people to congregate, eat, and have a good time -- a perfect place for "hanging out."

## Dinner-theatre

Practice, practice, and more practice. Performers for the second annual dinner-theatre averaged four hours of four-day practices, beginning in September.

"Wait Until Dark" was presented Oct. 26 and 27, with dinner catered by Podnuh's Barbeque.

Under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Skains, the eight cast members worked each day except Fridays to rehearse and build the set.

Jeff Counts, who portrayed Sam Hendricks, commented, "It makes you feel like you've accomplished something."



For the third time in seven months, an assassination attempt was made on the life of a world leader.

However, on Oct. 6, 1981, the attempt was successful as Egyptian president Anwar Sadat was killed during a military parade.

The first attempt had been made on President Reagan in March, followed by an attempt on Pope John Paul II in May.

Former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, and Richard Nixon flew to Cairo to attend the funeral. These three presidents had worked with Sadat to build friendship and cooperation between the two nations. Many people had regarded Sadat as the United States' best friend in the Arab world.

The WMHS faculty and student body reactions concerning the assassination were generally those of sorrow.

"I was shocked at so many attempts in world leaders' lives, and this one was successful. It's a shame that we're living in times when the solution is to kill off someone, instead of trying to work through it," said Mrs. Mary Love Johnson.

"I was shocked and scared that this might lead to the possibility of the U.S. going to war," commented Laurie Kent, whose feelings were echoed by Vickie Jenkins, "I thought it might cause a war, and I definitely don't want that."





Cotton candy, elephant ears, popcorn and candied apples, exhibits, games and rides at the first of October can mean only one thing -- the Ark-La-Miss Fair.

Filling the parking lot of the Monroe Civic Center for 10 days, the fair brought rides, concessions, games, and over-extended budgets. One way that many students were able to attend the fair and enjoy more of the activities was the "Midnight Madness," which permitted fair-goers to pay a \$6 fee and remain at the fair from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. As one student commented, "Midnight madness is the only way a high school student can enjoy himself at the fair without going broke."



## *Mystical, magical, and frustrating cube*

Who would have imagined that a little cube with different colored squares on it could be one of the biggest causes of headaches and frustrations in America today?

The Rubik's Cube, one the major fads of the year, is a challenge to young and old alike. The trick is to rotate the edges so that each side is made up of only one color. Sound easy? Few have mastered the technique alone, but do find the solution is somewhat easier with the instruction book.

Jan Meredith, sophomore, is able to complete the cube's solution in less than five minutes now, thanks to the help of the manual. Other students continue to persevere in their efforts to properly rotate the pieces to successfully master the colorful cube.

For those who had less tolerance, the cube, in its bright colors, makes an unusual conversation piece, with or without the manual. Various accessories such as key chains and necklaces make the cube an ideal object to cure boredom.

## *Personally hers*

Designer labels are not the only originals seen at West Monroe High School. Angie Putnam, senior, not only sews some of her clothes, but also has designed a few patterns to her own liking.

At the age of 13, Angie began sewing under the supervision of her mother. When her mother purchased a new sewing machine, Angie inherited the older one.

She had the "know-how" and the machine, but the hardest part was finding time to get some experience. Angie now sews mostly during the summer when her schedule is not so hectic.

Her future plans include majoring in fashion merchandising or design. Who knows, one day you may be purchasing an Angie Putnam original with one of those designer label price tags.





**DURING THE SUMMER**, business manager Margaret Steinbeck sold *Rebelaire* ads to yearbook patrons such as Judy Walker.



**JAY MITCHELL** spends fun-filled summer days playing ball.



# Fans survive the strike

Not since the Black Sox scandal of 1919 has the baseball fan been so humiliated. Actually the effect of the 1981 baseball strike was bad for both fans and players. Baseball, having been called the perfect game in every way, was brutally disrupted by a players' strike in which they demanded free agent arbitrators.

An agreement was finally reached and baseball was back. The fans, after all their complaining, were back in time to watch the playoffs before the Oct. 20 beginning of the World Series, and the Dodgers vs the Yankees.

"School's out! Let's go to Lazzarre!" This familiar cry reoccurred as the hot summer sun pelted down, encouraging students to seek the rescue of cool shade or a refreshing swim in the river.

Boats skimmed the river, towing skiers, many of who followed the newest trend in summer fun--hydrosliding. The more daring attempted and perfected before the end of summer another trend, that of barefootin'.

Some whose interests didn't cater to water sports preferred to spend their time battling on the tennis courts. Baseball and softball created another local gathering place, as Confederate Park became the hangout for many during the early part of summer, not only as players but also as umpires in the leagues.

As some enjoyed sports, others found relaxation in reading, painting, sewing, fishing, or listening to radio and television.

Those who felt that life is not "all play and no work" sought the hard-earned dollar. While some worked from daybreak until dusk, others chose parttime work. Extra money came in handy, especially as costs for gas, movies, and other forms of

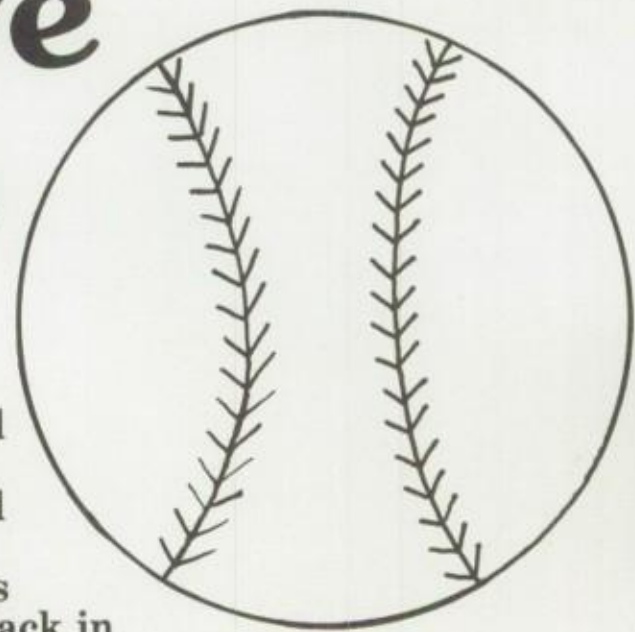
entertainment increased. And who could not have missed seeing the summer's big hit "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at least once?

Summer school satisfied students who sought to make up failing grades or who wanted to graduate early. Juniors with a 3.0 grade point average or better and a recommendation from the principal could enroll at Northeast Louisiana University to begin earning college credits.

NLU wasn't the only college campus where WMHS students could be found, as members of Student Council and Theatre-Forensics attended workshops on Texas college campuses. Band, drill team, cheerleader, yearbook, and newspaper representatives also attended summer workshops.

Vacations and traveling added another dimension to summer enjoyment. A 12-day trip to Rome was a highlight for Mrs. Paula Adams, Mrs. Nandine Miller, Bonne Brooks, Vance Jenkins, and Scott Holdiness during the summer.

When the middle of August approached and the many groups of students began working to perfect their talents, it was obvious that the summer of '81 was winding down.







**SKIING DOWN THE** *Ouachita River, Phil Hutson perfects his efforts at spraying.*

**CHEERLEADERS PENNY** *Middleton, Stacey Dupuy, and Renee Barnes take a lunch break while they are at school to paint signs.*



**THE LEVEE AFFORDS** *an ideal place for Michelle Jones to read a favorite book.*

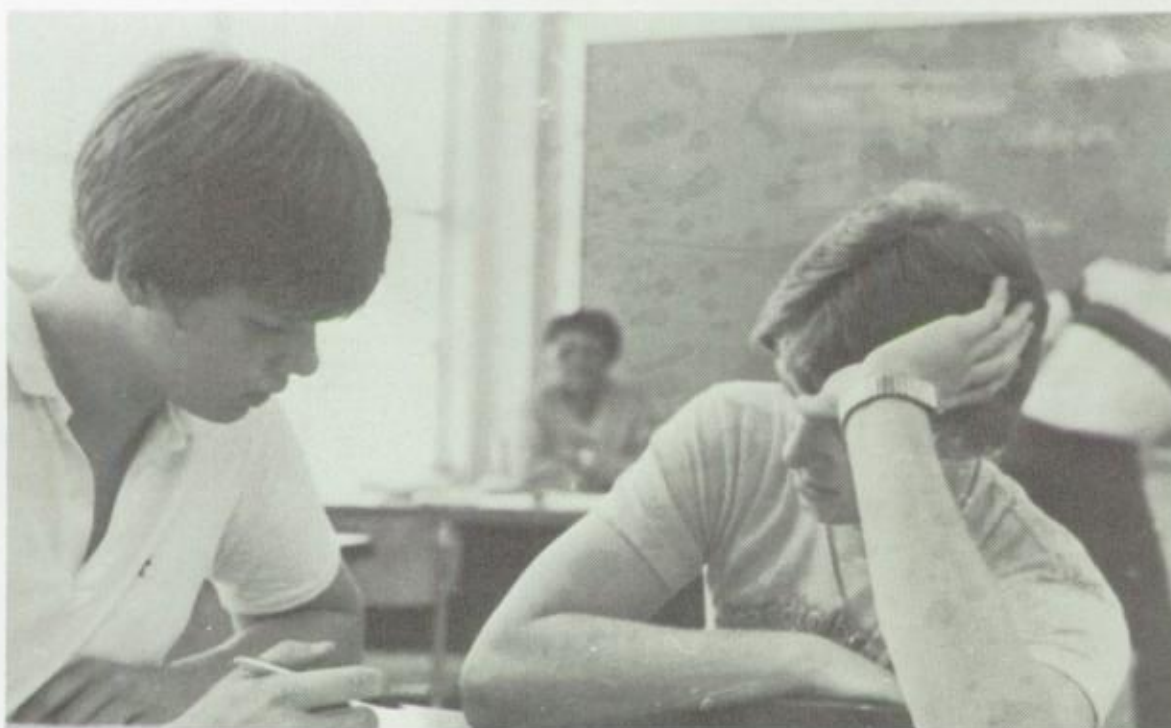


**HEAD COACH Andy Long** *prepares the Rebels for the '81 season with daily workouts in August.*



**FOR UPPERCLASSMEN**, I.D. cards are prepared during registration with the help of students such as Claudia Roberts.

**A LIST OF TEACHERS** and their classes aid students seeking to arrange their schedules during the three-day registration.



“The two-week delay gave the band extra weeks for practice that helped a lot.”

Frosty Franks



“I was disappointed in the delay because I hadn't seen anybody because of being out of town.”

Gary Aldridge





# Two-week delay keeps buses away

Yellow school buses rambled through neighborhoods, as reluctant students scrambled aboard for their first days of school. The intense heat and lengthy daylight hours reminded all that August was still an early beginning for school.

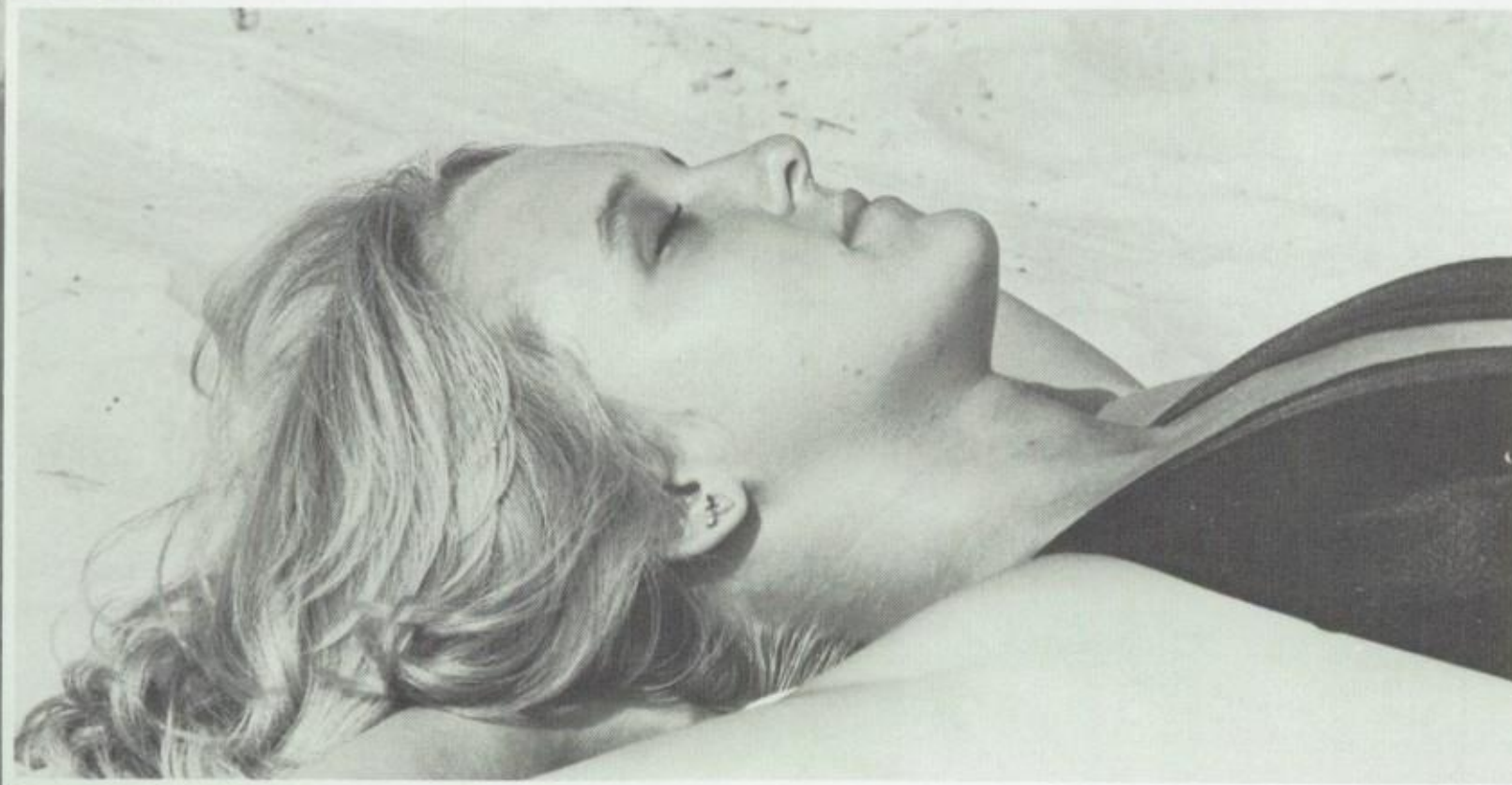
However, on this side of the Ouachita River and outside the city limits of Monroe, school-aged children continued their summer routine -- sleeping late, watching TV, and wondering what school would be like.

The reason for the delay in school's opening in Ouachita Parish was the proposed new desegregation plan. However,

days were taken off school holidays, as the first three-day spring break was cancelled, along with two days at Christmas and three days at Easter.

Still, that extra two-week summer vacation was happily received by many. The jamboree and first football game and pep rally were well-attended, although they took place before school actually started.

That first pep meeting on Sept. 4 was in the auditorium at night to rally the spirits of those attending. The Senior Class won the spirit stick and motivated the juniors and sophomores to organize their classes.



**INSTEAD OF BEING LINED** up to transport Ouachita Parish students to school in August, parish school buses remained at the bus barn while those in Monroe rolled to classes.

**WHILE MOST MONROE** students were returning to the classroom in August, West Monroe students such as Lesley Underwood found time for a few more hours of soaking up sun.

because of his heavily loaded court docket, federal Judge Tom Stagg declared that the same plan in effect last year was to be in effect one more year.

The two weeks delay set by the parish school board were then incorporated into the new school calendar, meaning that school's opening was postponed. The two weeks' delay meant that eight

Enrollment decreased again this year, changing the ratio of teachers and students. New faculty members were added to replace those who did not return.

During the year, students could count the days remaining for a holiday, but they knew the ultimate joy was stepping off that bus for the final time.



**SOLD BY RAIDERS**, the spirit signs reflect the attitude of Rebel fans.



**CHEERLEADERS** form a pyramid to generate spirit from Rebel fans.

**THE VOICE OF** Frank Hoffman brings play-by-play action to fans unable to attend the Friday games.



**CARL ROBINSON**, having been injured during an offensive play, is carried off the field by Coaches Peters and Long.

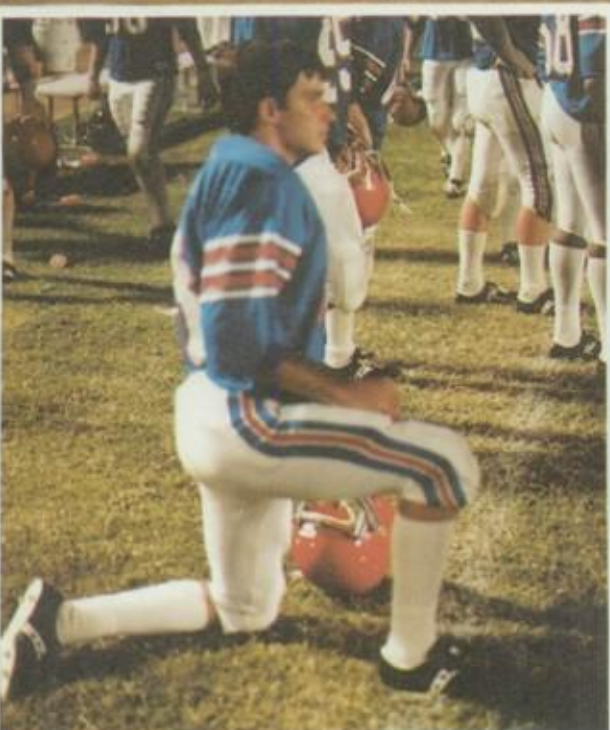


**CURTIS SMITH**, in the brass section, contributes to the music of Rebel band.



**JAY WILLIAMS** awaits the outcome of Woodlawn's offensive efforts.

**TAILBACK RONALD GANT** gains yardage against Woodlawn around the end on a sweep.





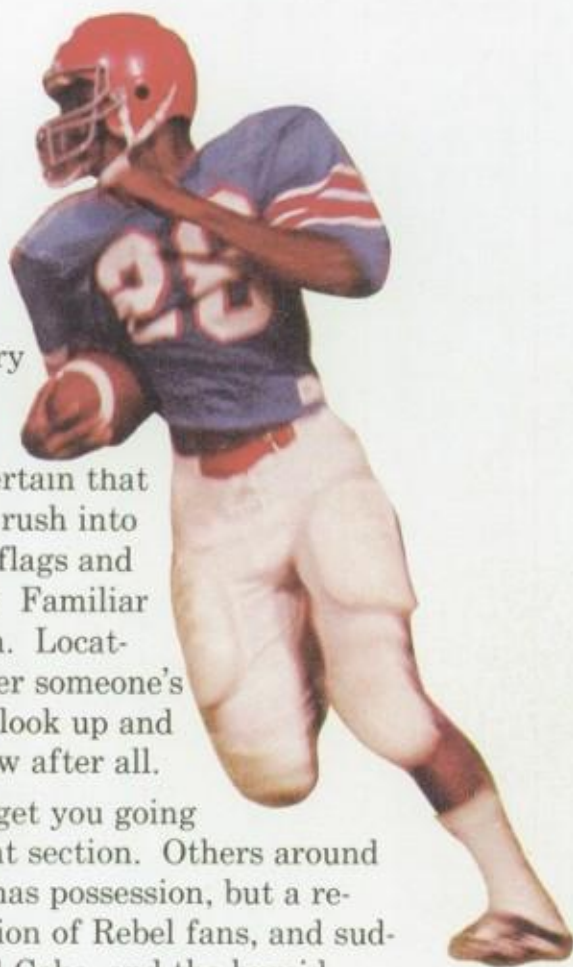
# DON'T COME TO RELAX!

Don't come if you don't like for your heart to beat faster or your pulse rate to increase, if you don't like sweaty palms, if you can't count down from 10 to 1, if you don't have school spirit, or if you don't like the excitement of high school football that keeps you returning for more.



By the end of the day Friday, you are well aware that football season is fully underway as pep rally and "See you at the game!" have increased your awareness. Your plans are made, and by at least 7 p.m. you anticipated being at the stadium. Plans go awry and when you do arrive at 7:25, no parking spaces exist, and you didn't meet your friends. Certain that you will be all alone, you hastily rush into the stadium, aware of the Rebel flags and signs invading the darkened sky. Familiar strains of "Dixie" fill the stadium. Locating your friends, you stumble over someone's feet and spill your Coke, only to look up and see that you are on the wrong row after all.

An apologetic and hasty retreat get you going again to join the chanting student section. Others around you chatter as "the other" team has possession, but a recovered fumble draws the attention of Rebel fans, and suddenly, the traffic jam, the spilled Coke, and the humid night is worth all the effort of being at a West Monroe High School football game.



FLAG CORPS, REBEL RAIDERS, and Rebel Band members delight home crowds during halftime shows.



# Scenes & Sounds

**SLAM!** The early morning gossip makes you late again. You shut the locker and run to first period. It's Monday morning...again.

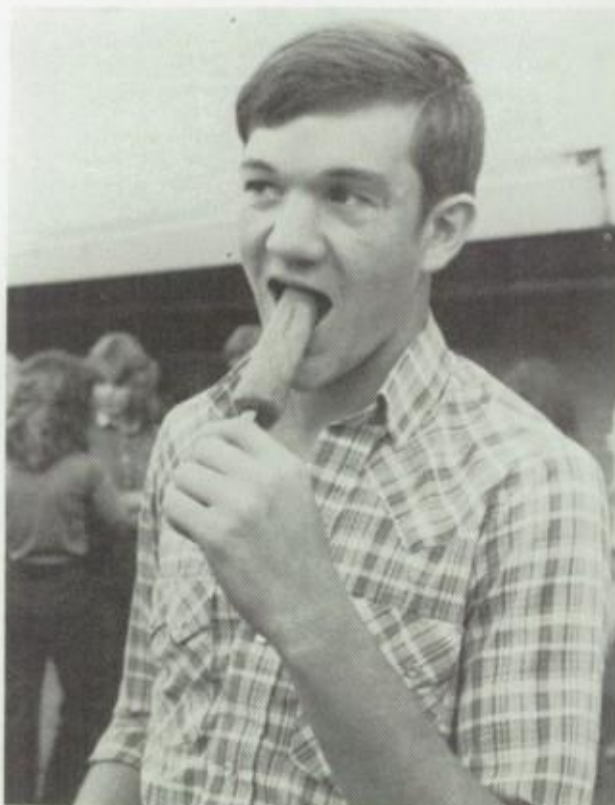
The familiar "GOOD MORNING" has a startling effect as we realize it's time to begin the usual morning's work. Although some school days may seem unbearable, familiar faces, stairway confusion, helpful teachers, clubs, and organizations brighten our days and help unite our school.

One, two, three short rings jar a student's senses and relieve him from a few moments' work as he files outside for fire drills, which give a "free break."

Concession break consists of many scenes...Couples sharing their time with one another, exchange of school pictures, crowds gathered around Coke machines, groups of chilled friends huddled together to stay warm, and the administrators standing in their usual spots by the cafeteria doors...and many sounds..."Do you want to buy some M&M's?" "Is Mrs. Johnston's test hard?" "Loan me a dollar, please." "Are you going to the ballgame tonight?" "That was a great pep rally, wasn't it?"...scenes and sounds that are part of the happenings at WMHS.

Pandemonium at the 3 p.m. bell. A flash of students scurrying to cars, teachers preparing to confer with parents, attend a faculty meeting, or go home; after school practices, and the last bus pulling away. "Hey, don't forget to bring my notebook back tomorrow. See ya."

**TO SATISFY HIS HUNGER,** *Bart McMillian beats the rush at concession break so that he can enjoy his popsicle.*



**BEFORE THE BEGINNING** *of their game, baseball players kneel in prayer.*



“WMHS is looking good because of its spirit and the relationship everybody has got.”

Elizabeth Lord



“School is easier here because I only have six classes and go to the same ones each day.”

Dietlind Frieze







**TO ADD TO THE EXCITEMENT OF** pep rallies, the Rebel Band members perform under the direction of Dr. Michael Spears.

**EAGER TO HELP OUT,** John Barker changes the tire on a teacher's car after school.



**TO COMPLETE A** survey on teen problems, Kelly Frazier utilizes the back of Tami Epps as a writing surface.

**STUDENTS WEREN'T THE** only ones with Western Pride on homecoming, as this robot rolling in and out of classes shows.



# Rain dampens bodies, not spirits!

The rain, the fog, the drenched decorations, and the final score may have dampened enthusiasm, but for most, homecoming activities retained that special homecoming spirit.

A day-long haze and an early evening downpour erased any signs that special events were about to begin. The dismayed Corvette drivers carried the 14 court members in the traditional parade. As the 'Vettes began their drive, the moat surrounding the field became a

slushy ooze. Tire tracks gradually filled with water as an intermittent drizzle lingered in the first part of the game.

A soggy field hampered not only the efforts of the football players, but also the halftime activities as well. Court members and their escorts, notified at the onset of the rain to wear jeans and bring presentation clothes, finally changed into their dress clothes immediately before the game. The coronation was completed in the middle of the saturated field after court members, their

fathers, Principal Cecil Pirkey, and Student Council representatives had gingerly avoided the more obvious waterholes.

Although Friday night, which saw the Rebels lose to Ouachita Lions 19-6, was not an ideal evening, the entire week with its spirits soaring was one to remember. Thursday evening with the

**STRAW HATS** used by representatives of the professional student organizations at WMHS spell out the homecoming spirit.



“I am thankful because through God and my friends, I was chosen. It makes me feel good to represent my school.”  
Carole Smith



“It means a lot to me that my friends think enough of me to choose me as maid of honor.”  
Lisa Thrailkill





**PRINCIPAL CECIL PIRKEY** crowns *Queen Carole Smith* on a soggy midfield during halftime ceremonies at the football game.



**ALONG THE SIDE**, court members Cheryl Holman, Penny Middleton, Pam Nolan, and Renee Barnes applaud the announcement of maid of honor, Lisa Thrailkill.

**SENIOR MEMBERS OF Rebel Raiders** demonstrate that rigid practice and dedication help to keep WMHS "lookin' good."



Allison Adair (soph)

Kitty Akin (jr)

Renee Barnes (sr)

Lori Gates (sr)



Karen Henry (jr)

Cheryl Holman (sr)

Michelle Lewis (soph)

Penny Middleton (sr)



Pam Nolan (band sweetheart)

Missy Tatum (sr)

Karen Williams (soph)

Karen Young (jr)



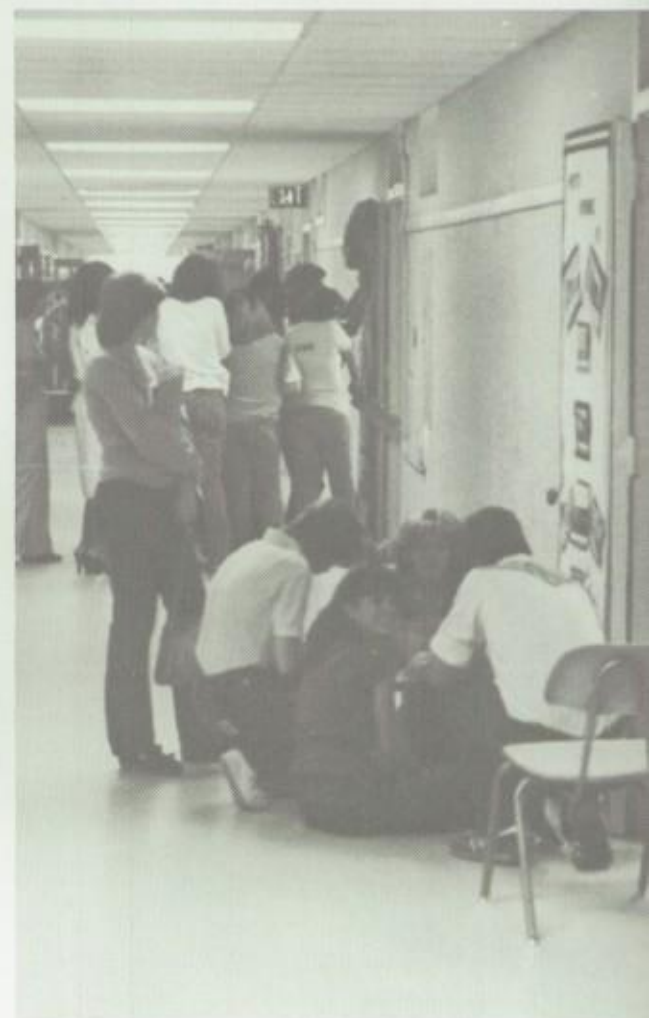
**RAIN, PUDDLES, mud, and high humidity** did not keep Rebel fans away from the annual homecoming game Oct. 16, which ended with Ouachita victorious over West Monroe.

**NOW A TRADITION,** the newly crowned homecoming queen is serenaded by a senior member of Rebel Choir, as Blake Wheelis sings "You Take My Breath Away" to Carole Smith.



**AS A PART OF** the program on elective courses, members of Mixed Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Pat Payne, perform two selections.

**DOOR DECORATING,** which has replaced floats and stadium displays, encourages students to get involved with homecoming activities.







"Lookin' Good" assembly brought out large crowds of parents to watch and then visit during open house. Using a television concept, a videotape and various segments of the school were presented. Host for the program was Bill Covington, reporter for KNOE - TV. Student reporters included Kim Furlow, Drew Kennedy, and Mike Banks, with Mike Latham and Patti Brownell as anchors for WMHS Update.

Performances by pit band and ensemble members and skits of academics, clubs, and athletics carried out the "Lookin' Good" theme. The program concluded with the presentation of the court and the announcement of Carole Smith as homecoming queen and Lisa

Thrailkill as maid of honor.

A homecoming dance at the recreation center on Saturday night concluded the weekend activities. Unlike previous years, the dance was moved to a Saturday night so that more people, especially football players, could attend.

It rained; it ruined suede shoes; it may have kept some people away; it caused hairstyles to droop; and it spoiled wax jobs on Corvettes; but, it didn't wash off the newly painted "Rebel" on the endzones; it didn't eliminate the idea that, throughout it all, WMHS continued to be "lookin' good."

**QUEEN CAROLE SMITH** and *Maid of Honor Lisa Thrailkill* watch the homecoming game from a designated and decorated stand.



**JOHN BARKER** announces the court members and their escorts from the press box during half-time ceremonies.

**IN A CLASSROOM SKIT** to show the courses offered, Lisa Glover gives Richard Loveland points for proper typing posture.



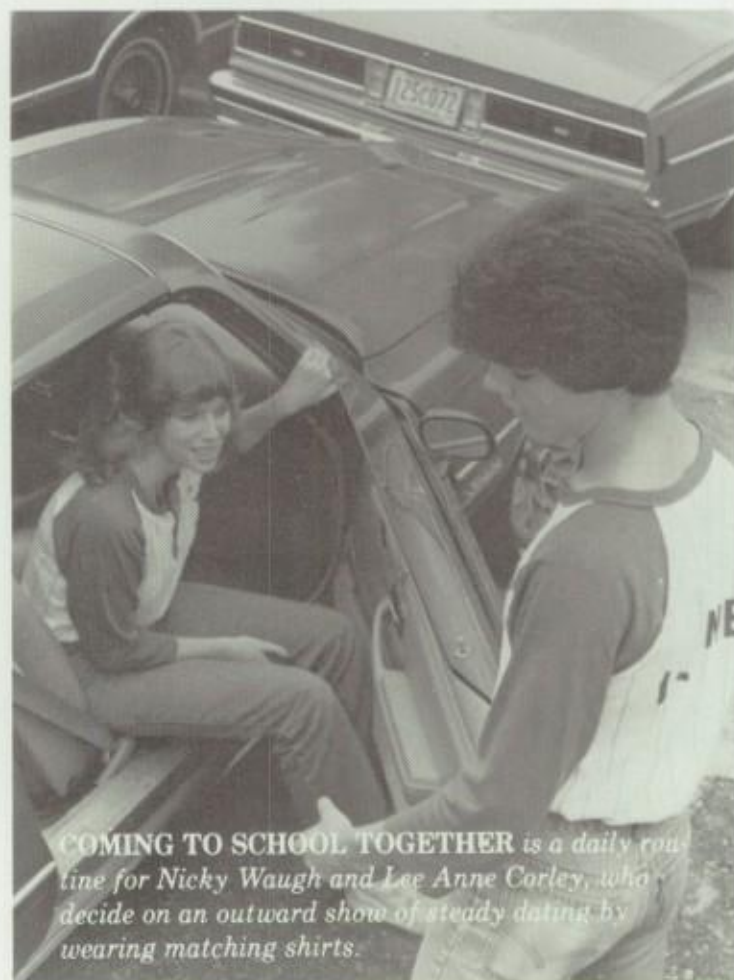
**A CHANGE OF PACE** and a chance to talk with one another draw Kelly Frazier and Tami Epps to the cafeteria.

**JUST BEFORE** going to first period, Mark Hynum and Debbie Salsbury pause for a moment together outside the classroom.

**RENEE BONNER AND** Guy Halley, by sharing the second lunch shift, wait for the concession stand to open.



**COUPLES WHO CAN** arrange their schedules so that they share classes, as do Mark Hodge and Lorie Lentini, who work in the library sixth period daily.



**COMING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER** is a daily routine for Nicky Waugh and Lee Anne Corley, who decide on an outward show of steady dating by wearing matching shirts.

## FOCUS

"Dating in high school should be the most wonderful memories in your life -- sharing new experiences and getting to know other people," commented Donna Craig in answer to a questionnaire on dating.

Over half the students surveyed felt that they had had at least one date that really wasn't worth the effort. Some declared the date was totally "boring," while others said not having anything in common was the problem. Not having anything to talk about and trying to keep the conversation going were other reasons some dates were marked failures. Many just didn't care for their date, while others labeled theirs as "no fun."

Who decides where to go on a date? "The boy; the girl never can

make up her mind," commented one junior. Fifty per cent agreed with that student, while one-fourth commented that they like to decide together.

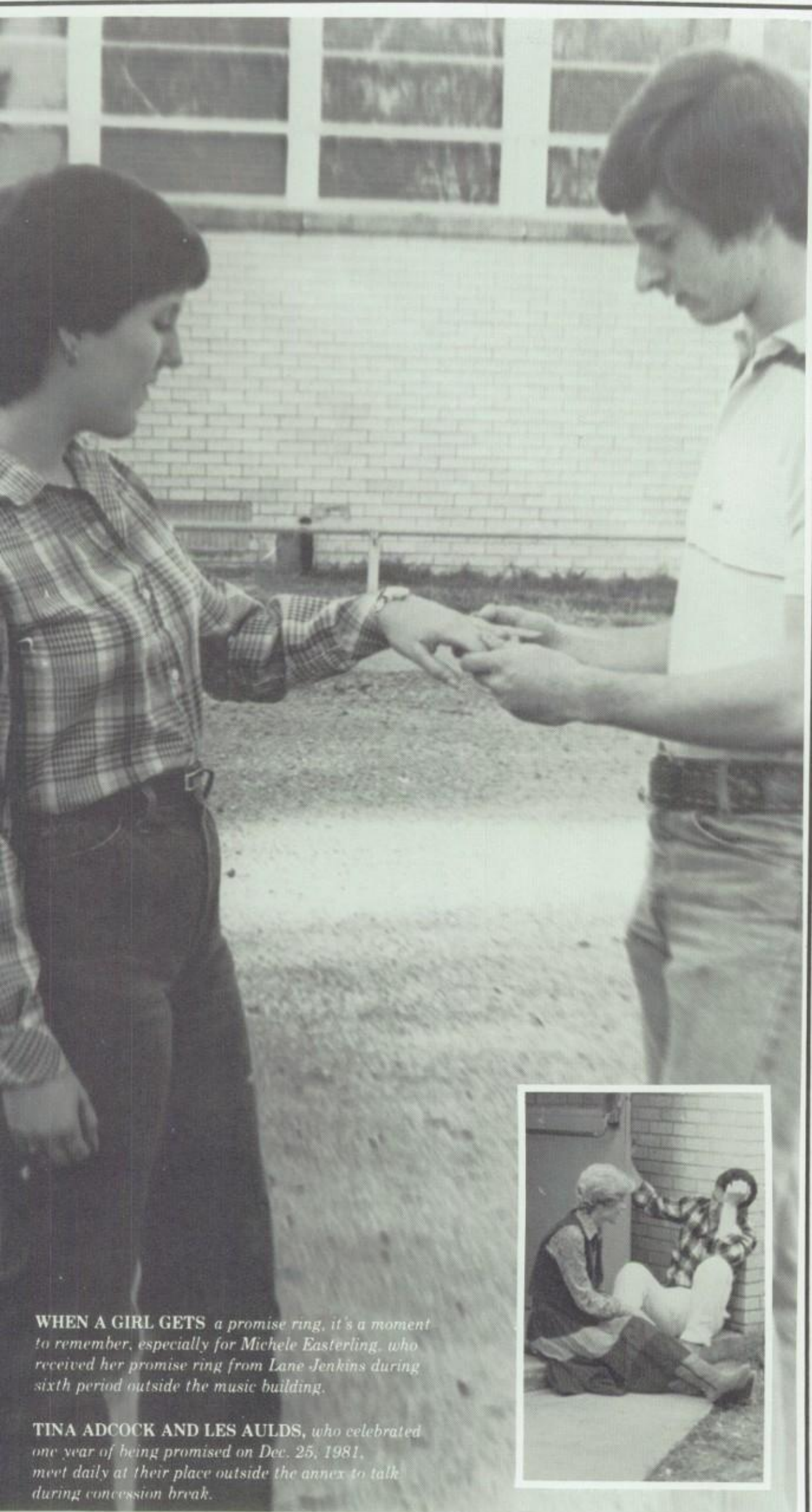
Where do students go on a date? Eating out and going to movies were the most common responses. Dancing, riding around, attending church activities, and watching television were other activities that the students named.

Many responded with unusual occurrences that happened on dates. Ending up with the other guy on a double date, being followed around by a photographer on a golfing spree, killing more squirrels than your boyfriend, and being accompanied by the whole family on a date were among the more unusual answers given.



**FOR MARGO EDWARDS and** John Graham, lunch break gives a time to relax and talk between classes.





**WHEN A GIRL GETS** a promise ring, it's a moment to remember, especially for Michele Easterling, who received her promise ring from Lane Jenkins during sixth period outside the music building.

**TINA ADCOCK AND LES AULDS**, who celebrated one year of being promised on Dec. 25, 1981, meet daily at their place outside the annex to talk during concession break.

## Rings: Tokens of affection

**"I was so embarrassed. He gave it to me in front of a whole group of people."**

**Michele Easterling**

"What is this?" she asked.

"It's your promise ring," he answered.

"Oh, okay," she meekly responded.

In front of the music building on an overcast Monday afternoon, senior Michele Easterling received an "early Christmas gift" from boyfriend Lane Jenkins, 1981 WMHS grad.

"He said he wanted to make a little exchange," explained Michele. The "little exchange" was a promise ring in place of a senior ring.

An outward sign of steady dating for a girl is the wearing of a boy's ring, whether it be a senior ring wrapped with tape to keep it on, or a solitaire. While the promise ring is worn like an engagement ring on the third finger of the left hand, the senior ring may be worn on either the ring finger or the index finger.

Usually considered more serious than a senior ring, the promise ring preceeds an engagement diamond. Mountings for promise rings vary to suit the personal likes of both giver and wearer.

For a special occasion, such as Valentine's Day, Christmas, or birthday, the promise ring is especially sentimental.

"It was supposed to be a Christmas gift, but I just couldn't wait to give it to you," Lane explained to Michele on that Monday, Nov. 9.



# "Bull in a China Shop"

MISS BIRDIE and Miss Lucy (Dana Neely) try to persuade Mr. O'Finn (Rodney McGowen) to stay for tea.

wasn't about a farm animal nor expensive pieces of porcelain.

It was the Junior-Thespian fall production presented immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holidays. With a cast of 14, the mystery-comedy ran two nights.

Getting 16-to 18-year-old girls to act as if they were 60 was one of the most delightful aspects of working the play, according to Mrs. Linda Townsend, director.

The play concerned six old women who were trying to get the attention of a handsome detective who had moved nearby.

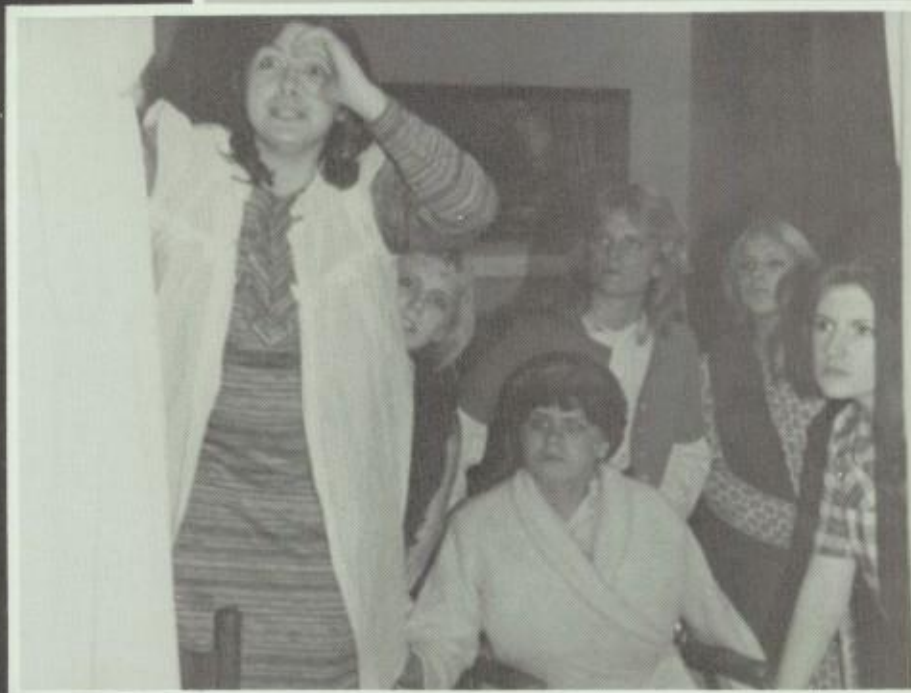
Some of the cast members went to nursing homes to observe posture, movements, mannerisms, and speech of the elderly," she said. "The hard-thing was to learn to speak; the voice patterns for many elderly people does not change greatly from youth to old age," she added.

In the play were Rodney McGowen as Dennis O'Finn; Kim Furlow as Miss Hildegard; Mike Banks as Detective Kramer; Donna McClendon as Miss Birdie; Dana Neely and Ida Lane, double cast as Miss Lucy; Patti Brownell and Tara Smith, double cast as Jane Rogers; Craig Hobbs as Johnson; Kim Campbell as Miss Amantha; DeeDee McClendon as Miss Nettie; Donna Moore as Elizabeth; and Mark McManus and Morris Lary as stretcher bearers.

Immediately after the holidays, tryouts were held for the school musical.

MISS HILDEGARD (Kim Furlow) and Miss Birdie (Donna McClendon) think of a way to attract Mr. O'Finn's attention.

TO GET A GLIMPSE of Mr. O'Finn, the six old ladies strain to peer through the window.

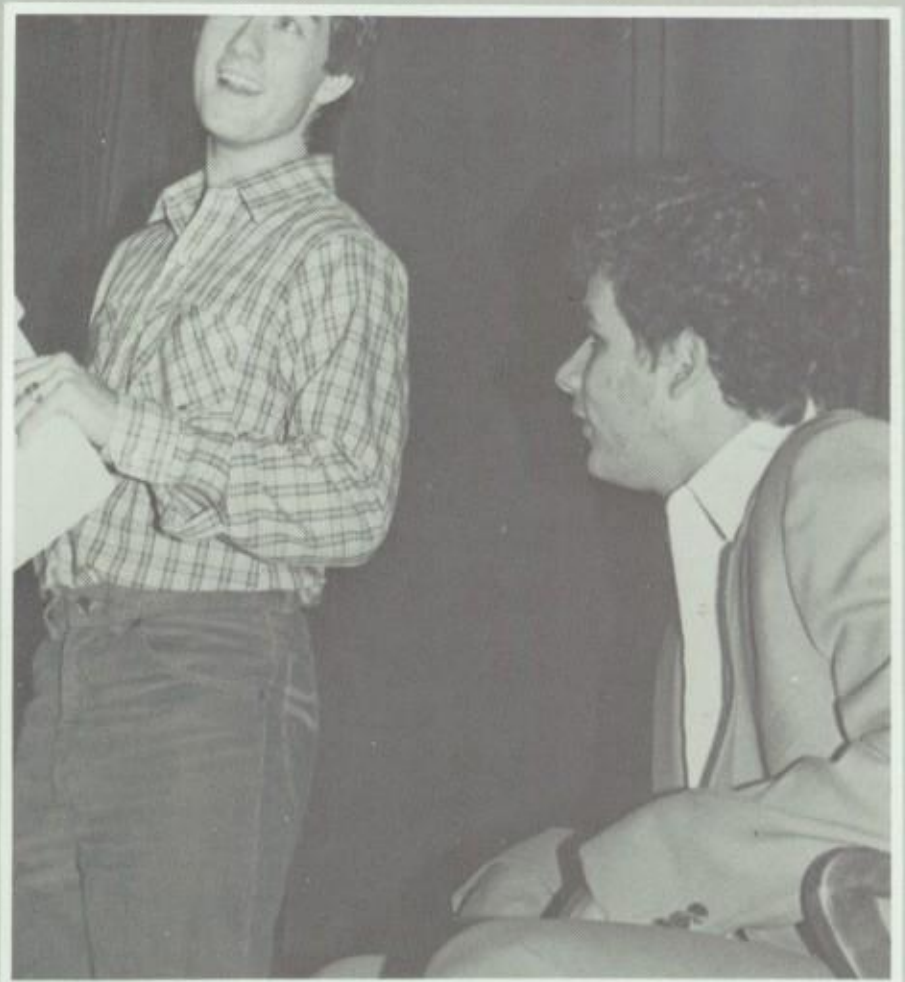






**POOR ELIZABETH** (Donna Moore) lies on the couch as the remaining ladies await O'Finn's arrival at the murder scene.

**AFTER THE DEATH** of Elizabeth, Miss Hildegard explains to reporter Jane Rogers (Patti Brownell) of the detective's neglect of duty in investigating the murder which has occurred.



**A TOAST TO** an arranged death of Jane Rogers delights Miss Nettie (DeeDee McClendon) and Miss Amantha (Kim Campbell)

**"PREHISTORIC"** IS the description Detective Kramer (Mike Banks) uses to reason with O'Finn about his personal view of the murder.



With the increase in Christian organizations and fellowship, the teenage children of preachers are aware of the role that religion

plays in the everyday life of students. The majority of preachers' kids here believe that Christianity has gained importance in stu-

dents' lives today.

“Yes, because I believe that religion is important in all students' lives because of the involvement in Christian organizations.”

Eric Diffey



“Yes, a lot of things are happening in today's world, and Christianity in the school is helping many people overcome it.”

DeWitt Ginn

“Yes, I feel that students realize the importance of having Christ in their lives and want to make it a more important part in other's lives.”

Annette Ginn



“Yes, because so many people now attend FCS and Christian organizations.”

Connie Thompson

“No, because most don't go to church anymore. When they do go, they don't listen.”

Michelle Taylor



“I hope so. Young people will be young people, but I don't think people realize how important spirituality and morality are to many of today's young people.”

Sheila Bass



“Yes, it seems to me that they need it.”

Dawn Pippens

“Yes, people aren't ashamed to be Christians anymore.”

Keith Pittman

“Yes, it's becoming more common knowledge about the Bible. More people are talking about it and becoming interested.”

Doug Garlington





“Yes, I think that more young people are beginning to open up and share the gospel with others.”

Donald Bowen

“Yes, because it shows in their ideals and their way of life.”

Becky Bowen

Mrs. LaJo Long and Mrs. Mary Ford, by attending faculty prayer group meetings, are able to hear such speakers as Senator Lawson Swearingen and students.



## Organizations help students witness through testimonies

Through the influence of the Christian organizations at West Monroe, many students can see Christ through friends' actions and believe God's word told through testimonies.

To give students and teachers an opportunity to learn more about themselves and others, FCS, FCA, Y-Teens, and Faculty Prayer Group meet to learn about and to grow in the knowledge of God.

“When I hear someone give a testimony, it lifts me up for the day — gives me something to hang on to during the day.”

Eddie Hilburn

Among the West Monroe churches which plan ski trips for young people are First Baptist, Ridge Avenue Baptist, and First Methodist, all having fund-raisers to finance their Christmas or Easter trips.

Sound Foundation, First Baptist's youth choir, will travel to New York City and Washington, D.C., after singing in the World's Fair in Tennessee.

Recreational activities such as swimming, volleyball, and skating are offered for local youth groups, as Mt. Vernon and other churches plan retreats which provide spiritual growth through a Christian Community.

Gaye Arrant, who attends Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, has dedicated herself during the summer of '82 to be a part of Sojourners, a summer mission for teenagers. This program trains students for home or foreign mission. She will be assigned to work in one of the states joining Louisiana.

Brenda Tradewell and Kent McKay, attending First Baptist Church of West Monroe, practice each Wednesday night with the puppet ministry. They give a show every third Sunday for Children's Church.

By seeing the activities that involved students in church and school Christian encounters, one is aware that Christianity has a vital role in our community.



Gaye Arrant, a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist, completes a Sojourner application for summer missionary work.

Brenda Tradewell witnesses to children at First Baptist through the puppet ministry.

Tuesday and Thursday FCS meetings have been moved to the choir room to seat the increased membership.







#### ANCHOR CLUB

**(First row)** Mrs. J. Burke, sponsor; J. May, D. Brakefield, A. Gilbert, D. Mitchell, B. Wheelis, M. Tatum, treas.; C. Smith, v. pres.; A. Ginn, pres.; T. Fewell, sec.; L. Oxford, jr. dir.; P. Ward, A. Putnam, K. Frazier, S. Dupuy, S. Martin, V. Landry, Mrs. L. Williams, sponsor. **(Second row)** C. Cook, A. Dyke, S. Weigmann, T. Pouland, C. Hedge, K. Finley, A. Fuller, M. Reppond, A. Titus, G. Hoover, T. Epps, K. Dupree, K. Humphrey, V. Jenkins, P. Middleton. **(Third row)** N. Pinton, L. Thrailkill, P. Hutton, A. Webb, T. Waldroup, K. Abbott, C. Bamburg, C. Ray, K. Nolan, W. Wisenor, K. Henry, B. Westfall, D. Saulsbury, P. Mercer, L. Miller, C. Newsom. **(Fourth row)** L. Dilmore, S. Lundy, K. York, P. Nolan, J. Giles, S. Fuller, L. Gates, K. Stephens, D. Watson, E. Jennings, K. Robinson, L. Cook, C. Bennett, R. Stringer, K. Adams, D. McIntosh, D. Ferguson, S. Kolb.



#### OCTAGON

**(First row)** J. Bonner, W. Wisenor, T. Johnson, T. Coody - jr. director, J. Counts - social director, T. Epps - sr. director, K. Frazier - sr. director, K. Henry - jr. director, S. Dupuy - pres., T. Fewell - vice pres., C. Ramsey - sr. director, R. Barnes, L. Kent - sec., A. Fuller - social director, N. Pinton, S. Lundy, L. Aulds, T. Albritton, C. Roberts. **(Second row)** B. Nugent, W. Capp, S. Davis, E. Jennings, P. Brownell, L. Jarvis, T. Banks, E. Wills, B. McGhee, A. Ginn, L. Oxford, D. McCormick, K. York, K. Finley, G. Hoover, M. McConhan, S. Jackson, J. Giles, P. Mercer, T. Davis, J. May, L. Dilmore. **(Third row)** L. Harrist, L. Bilton, R. Reagan, J. Holder, A. Gray, K. Farrar, C. Chiles, D. Ginn, T. Poland, K. Albritton, C. Ray, D. Simmons, B. Creery, K. Nolan, K. Abbott, L. Thrailkill, A. Dyke, D. Brakefield, M. Hendrix, J. Herbet. **(Fourth row)** S. Martin, T. Greer, P. Hudson, M. Latham, S. Long, L. Miller, L. Smith, K. Adams, C. Cook, R. Stringer, C. Bennett, L. Cook, S. Kolb, C. Hedge, K. Robinson, S. Fuller, C. Newsom, J. Douglas.



#### INTERACT

**(First row)** R. Braddock, S. Sullivan, J. Hislop, S. Bourland, Jr. Director; J. Pleasant, R. Farr, C. Lebrun, K. Karr, B. Westfall, Sec; R. McGowen, V. Pres.; C. Smith, Treas.; J. Murray, Pres.; V. Landry, C. Thames, A. Meadows, soph. director; G. Dison, K. Dupree, L. Aldridge, J. Williams. **(Second row)** T. Rogers, T. Little, R. Edwards, T. Nelson, soph. director; S. Foust, V. Mason, P. Weems, K. Auger, F. Smith, K. Campbell, A. Titus, M. Tatum, L. Gates, V. Jenkins, sr. director; M. Reppond, C. Chapman, T. Adcock, L. Aulds, K. Shaw. **(Third row)** J. Ford, C. Spivey, D. Ferguson, Jr. Director; D. McIntosh, P. Middleton, T. Furlow, S. Peter, J. Wilbanks, A. Lassiter, S. Renfrow, A. Webb, A. Gilbert, B. Wheelis, K. Guillott, P. Middleton. **(Fourth row)** G. Smith, J. Mitchell, J. DeCosta, D. Jordan, K. McKay, sr. director; J. Ellis, M. Murray, A. Adair, M. Lewis, T. Lenard, M. Sikes, K. O'Briant, J. Shannan, T. Tatum, T. Bostick.



**DONNIE DYE**, Richard Loveland, and John Barker clown around for Theatre - Forensics at the public library.





# Dances, parties, projects keep service clubs active

## Service

Dressing dolls for the Salvation Army, a Mother-Daughter Banquet, and a Christmas party with Santa Claus for Cooley residents are some of the annual projects held by the 65-member Anchor Club. President Annette Ginn led the group which was sponsored by Mrs. Laverne Williams, Mrs. Juanita Burke, and Mrs. Billie Singleton.



Mrs. Samie Saulsbury and president Jim Murray, along with the other 79 members of Interact helped plan some of the after-game dances, a Christmas party, sing-painting parties, a MORP dance which was the opposite of the prom and supported the heart fund.

Interclub Council's 22 members sponsored a blood drive and a dance whose proceeds went to charity. Blake Wheelis is president of this organization.

Sponsoring a Rebels on the River dance, a Christmas party, after game dances, and having sign painting parties and pin-ons for pep rallies are some events held by the Octagon group. The group is sponsored by Mrs. Nancy Skains and Mrs. Mary Beth Johnson and is led by president Stanley Dupuy.

The 117 members of the Rebelettes, led by president Wendi Wisenor and sponsored by Mrs. Cathy Bass, helped to boost Spirit at athletic events and sell ads for the football program.



## QUILL AND SCROLL

(First row) L. Carson, S. Ratliff, M. Easterling, pres.; D. Harrell, editor; (Second row) J. Counts, K. Furlow, T. Smith, P. Mercer, B. Prestridge (Third row) T. Baugh, C. Hobbs, L. Foster, P. Ward.

**MISSY TATUM SHOWS** dolls given to the Salvation Army by the Anchor Club.

**THESPIANS** Craig Hobbs and Kim Furlow relive Civil War times at the costume party to welcome new members.





#### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS

(First row:) R. Brown, S. Doane, B. Wheelis, v. pres.; C. Smith, sec.; D. McCormick, pres.; K. Benton, B. Bowen. (Second row:) B. Thomas, T. Bostick, C. Johnston, S. Sullivan, R. Farr, T. Little, R. Braddock, T. Rodgers, J. Mitchell, J. Douglas, R. McGowan, J. Williams, J. Herbet, J. Counts, S. Martin, M. Riser. (Third row:) D. Mitchell, G. Dison, C. Newsom, V. Landry, C. Thames, S. Renfro, C. Wilson, T. McCrory, P. Weems, B. Spivey, C. LeBrun, W. Kapp, A. Meadows, T. Fewell, Mrs. Jeanette Harris, Advisor, A. Shamblin, B. Creery, D. Simmons, T. Epps, K. Fraier, S. Jackson, L. Dilmore, K. Socha, C. Ramsey, L. Feazel, M. Aldridge. (Fourth row:) T. Foote, C. Bamburg, K. Albritton, C. Ray, M. Howard, K. Adams, C. Cook, Y. Foy, K. York, M. Stephenson, K. Abbott, J. Rice, D. McClendon, P. Hutton, A. Webb, S. Brewer, D. Neeley, J. Meredith, G. Wyatt, C. Fullerton, E. McNeil, L. Carson, D. Lowery. (Fifth row:) P. Middleton, J. Parkes, A. Gray, D. McIntosh, D. Moore, S. Stuart, V. Mason, A. Adair, L. Harrist, K. Finley, C. Bennett, R. Stringer, C. Hedge, S. Fuller, D. Brakefield, F. Ivey, K. Akin, S. Dupuy. (Sixth row:) B. Nugent, B. Frantom, C. Chiles, R. Edwards, I. Lane, M. Lewis, V. Jenkins, D. Jackson, S. Sullivan, K. Hammonds, K. Shaw, C. Cooper, T. Johnson, D. Garlington, A. Gilbert, M. Latham, J. Richardson, S. Martin, M. McCohn, T. Lenard, R. Wells, L. Gates, P. Mercer, P. Middleton, M. Easterling, T. McCandlish.



#### THEATRE - FORENSICS

(First row) S. Coons, R. Clay, D. Dye, R. Loveland, recording sec.; J. Barker, debate and forensics, F. Ivey, Corresponding sec.; R. Hurst, tournament coordinator; G. Tan, D. Hudnall, S. Casear, theatre; S. Young, T. Malmay, P. Huff, J. Buford, Mrs. S. Fields, sponsor. (Second row) C. Weaver, T. Foote, C. Stein, H. Lock, K. Johnson, J. Hudnall, C. Minniefield, K. Young, P. Wade, J. Littleberry. (Third row) J. Waldrop, B. Knight, J. Johnson, C. Elee, L. Cloutre, K. Campbell, V. Mason, M. Cummings, M. Mayo, E. Wyatt, T. Hendricks, T. Caples. (Fourth row) M. Burke, M. Bolin, M. Hollier, P. Shirley, S. Hudnall, B. Miles, A. Rayford.



#### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

(First row) T. Rogers, J. Douglas, D. McCormick, R. McGowen, pres.; S. Dupuy, K. McKay, K. Shaw, L. Aldridge. (Second row) S. Rogers, M. Aldridge, J. Williams, E. Diffey, B. Creery, M. Latham, K. Frazier, V. Landry, B. Lively. (Third row) B. Frantom, D. Chellette, T. Johnson, J. Murray, D. Garlington, J. Richardson, B. Spivey, L. Aulds, J. Herbet. (Fourth row) P. Middleton, S. Martin, T. Coody, T. Greer, J. Elmore, K. O'Briant, C. Cooper, C. Massey, J. Counts, S. Martin, M. Hendrix.







## Literary magazine changes format

Having changed the name of the literary magazine to *Paragon*, Quill and Scroll members this year changed the format of the magazine through design and content.

*Hot Lead*, the literary magazine from North Little Rock, Ark., which is advised by Bruce Watterson, was a guide for Quill and Scroll. The group had seen Mr. Watterson at a Southern Interscholastic Press Association Convention and liked his ideas. Also the top literary magazine judged at Columbia Scholastic Press Association helped the group with new ideas.

Contributing to the magazine were the best entries from the English Fair.

**QUILL AND SCROLL** members listen to the new ideas for the *Paragon* magazine.



### REBELETTES

(**First row:**) W. Wisenor, pres.; T. Cash, v. pres.; K. Stephens, sec.; L. Stewart, sgt.-at-arms. (**Second row:**) K. Peters, M. Howard, K. Whitlock, K. Roundree, S. Pratt, L. Gibson. (**Third row:**) R. Stringer, W. Powers, M. Shelton, L. Trichell, K. Burney, R. Tisdale, J. Burkett, J. Miller, R. Hernandez, T. Smith, A. Meadows. (**Fourth row:**) A. Dyke, C. White, D. Prestridge, M. Hendry, M. Dean, C. Ramsey, D. Hay, M. Stephenson, S. Caringer, K. Alexander, P. Brown. (**Fifth row:**) K. York, D. Hale, J. Muckleroy, S. Davis, T. Furlow, B. Wiggins, K. Wilson, C. Newsom, L. Bilton, L. Gross, L. Greshan. (**Sixth row:**) Kim Dupree, M. Aldridge, S. Smith, W. Kapp, D. Gathright, B. Lee, M. Lewis, A. Chesney, T. Foote, J. Brandon, T. Birkicht. (**Seventh row:**) S. Young, S. Caples, C. Weaver, A. Lassiter, G. Dison, J. Beebe, L. Harrist, M. Dortch, S. Renfrow, J. Ellis, S. Prater. (**Eighth row:**) K. Nolan, D. Pippins, T. McCaary, M. Reppond, A. Hood, L. Tidwell, R. Bonner, D. Cody, L. Gray, C. Evans, K. Adams. (**Ninth row:**) V. Amith, V. Mason, B. Seigler, C. Moore, K. Auger, M. Cummings, N. Wells, L. Hearn, S. Gillilad, C. Wilson, L. Underwood. (**Tenth row:**) S. Beebe, R. Clark, D. Otts, L. Ochs, S. McGee, R. Williamson, A. Adair, C. Thompson, H. Flock, Y. Bluford, T. Futch. (**Eleventh row:**) K. Robinson, K. Farrar, M. Lewis, M. Howard, J. Willbanks, C. Thames, D. Moore, R. Reagan, T. Armstrong, J. Holder, L. Smith. (**Twelveth row:**) V. Duffy, K. Hammons, S. Sullivan, P. Weems, G. Cole, G. Young, D. Ginn.

**DE MEMBER RONALD PRESTRIDGE** collects money during conncession break for the new school store.

**ART MEMBERS HELP PAINT** the backdrop for the Twin city Civic Ballet's Christmas program.





#### THESPIANS

**(Front row)** Mrs. L. Townsend, director; M. Easterling, reporter; C. McNeil, Jr. rep.; D. Moore, Sr. rep.; I. Lane, pres.; R. McGowen, v. pres.; T. Bond, sec. -treas.; D. Neely. **(Second row)** C. Whitlock, G. Dison, L. Carson, L. Hill, K. Furlow, T. Smith, K. Campbell, S. Bratton, K. Socha, A. Webb, S. Brewer, A. Blazier. **(Third row)** R. Willis, R. Braddock, S. Doane, R. Brown, D. Canterbury, C. Hobbs, P. Brownell, K. Wink, M. Lee, S. Moore, K. Nolan, J. Hudnall, P. Hutton. **(Fourth row)** K. Peters, D. Simmons, R. Clay, T. Peters, J. Russ, B. Creery, D. McKnight, P. Williams, M. McManus, M. Riser, B. Thomas, L. Foster, A. Young, R. Wells.



#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**(First row)** C. Newsom, reporter; S. Davis, sec.; P. Middleton, Mardi Gras chairman; Anita Scarbrough, v. pres.; **(Second row)** Mrs. W. Gates, sponsor; J. Latham, Friendship Week chairman, T. Lenard, Mardi Gras chairman, K. Nolan, public relations; D. Scarbrock, pres.; L. Evans, photographer.



#### FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

**(First row)** J. Hendrix, v. pres.; S. Clay, v. pres.; K. Benton, songleader; T. Huff, pres.; K. Worley, hist.; **(Second row)** C. Holman, M. Taylor, L. Gibson, J. Duart, K. Whitton, L. Clouarte, **(Third row)** L. Gresham, W. Kapp, L. Dilton, F. Bonnett, M. Lee, D. Otts. **(Fourth row)** R. Nelson, M. Young, T. Floyd, S. Hatten, R. Wells.



“There are some really great christian people at this school, we have a blast.”  
Tracy Foote ”



**OCTAGON SPONSORS AND MEMBERS** meet weekly after school in the choir room to plan events such as a 'care' package for teachers at Christmas.

**GETTING THROWN INTO THE POOL** wasn't a part of the program for Interact members who gathered at Alan Gilbert's to paint signs.



## Honor clubs acknowledges special events with projects

For the first year, the Foreign Language Club was an honor club. It was open by invitation to new members at mid-term. President Delores Scarbrock, along with the 11 other members, helped with the Friendship Week tag sale. This group is sponsored by Mrs. Wanda Gates.

As induction of officers preceding a party, gift giving to the needy, a Christmas party, and induction of new members in April were planned by president Scott Martin, the 38 members, and sponsor Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook in the National Honor Society.

Rodney McGowen, president and Mr. Mallory Banister, sponsor, with the help of the 31 other members of Student Council, handed out cards to retired teachers and candy canes at Christmas. They hosted the KMLB March of dimes Sock-Hop and the Pin the Tiger contest.

Quill and Scroll's magazine took on a new look and a new name. It was called Paragon and had a new design and contents. Michelle Easterling was president and Mrs. Hope Carroll was the sponsor.



## Christian groups sponsor music seminar, tournaments

Basketball tournaments and camp-outs were events planned for the 40 member Fellowship of Christian Athletes. President is Rodney McGowen and sponsor is Mr. Lynn Riley.

Led by president David McCormick, the Fellowship of Christian Students met each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:40 in the morning in the choir room with talks from students or special speakers. This group sponsored a seminar on the corruption of rock music.

Sponsored by Mrs. Linda Luttrell, Y-Teens was led by president Tracie Fewell. Gathering can goods for the needy during Thanksgiving and collecting colors and coloring books for the hospital during Christmas were some of the projects of this 25 member organization.



“ West Monroe is looking good to me because all the students are beginning to realize the importance of school for college.  
Tammy Lenard ”



“ West Monroe is looking good to me because everyone is showing more spirit and enthusiasm toward West Monroe.  
Sonia Lynch ”







#### FBLA

**(First row)** L. McGough, pres.; T. Baugh, sec.; J. Barker, treas.; M. Taylor, Mrs. J. Calhoun, sponsor. **(Second row)** E. Boles, C. Robert, T. Gatson, V. Smith, J. Giles, T. Coates, F. Smith, T. Ipps, K. Humphrey, V. Jenkins, D. Jackson, K. Stanford. **(Third row)** K. Salsbury, L. Lenard, K. Rayner, R. Ward, A. Bounds, R. Loveland, D. Dye, B. Broughton, B. Hoff, L. Dalton, K. York, R. Stringer, L. Gibson. **(Fourth row)** C. Stuckey, L. Avant, M. Young, R. Dunaway, M. Minneweather, P. Ragel, D. Williams, Y. Blueford, D. McNeal, S. Ard, L. Bryant, R. Nelson, S. Young, K. Worley.



#### DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION

**(First row)** D. Canterbury, rep.; T. Howard, rep.; L. Grube, treas.; L. Holton, pres.; S. Saterfield, v. pres.; A. Woolsey, sec.; A. Drumgoole, parl. **(Second row)** Mrs. Mary Coleman; advisor, M. Blakely, B. Langfork, D. Tubbs, K. Burney, J. Blakely, D. Hendrix, P. Lawrence, B. Hicks, L. Thulin, K. Whitton, L. Gibson, G. Underwood, D. McClendon, Mr. C. Jackson, advisor. **(Third row)** B. Antley, B. Duane, D. Moore, P. Hollis, C. Brown, R. Garret, B. Bromsen, T. Johnson, R. Zimmer, C. Mullins, R. Prestridge, R. Dunn, C. Knox, P. Boyd. **(Fourth row)** R. Antley, C. Saterfield, B. Cromwell, A. Williams, J. Hobgood, R. J. Covington, D. Carey, J. Deggard, J. Schultz, L. Clark



#### Y-TEENS

**(First row)** A. Webb, D. Brakefield, chaplain; C. Hedge, Treas.; T. Fewell, pres.; K. Finley, K. Abbott, hist.; P. Hutton. **(Second row)** V. Mason, S. Sullivan, K. Hammonds, C. Thames, P. Weems, L. Harris, R. Stringer, S. Brewer, D. Neely, A. Meadows. **(Third row)** T. Armstrong, A. Adair, T. Bostic, D. Bennett, J. Rice, S. Fuller, M. Stephenson, L. Oakes.

#### INTERCLUB COUNCIL

**(First row)** B. Wheelis, treas.; W. Wisenor, sec.; S. Dupuy, v. pres., Mr. J. Warner, advisor. **(Second row)** C. Smith, P. Mercer, M. Easterling, L. Parsons, P. Middleton, D. McCormick, T. Fewell, I. Lane, S. Martin.







IN AN EFFORT to soak up sunshine at the annual Rebelette party at Folly Beach, some Rebelettes decided not to brave the low temperatures and kept their jeans and tops on over swimsuits.

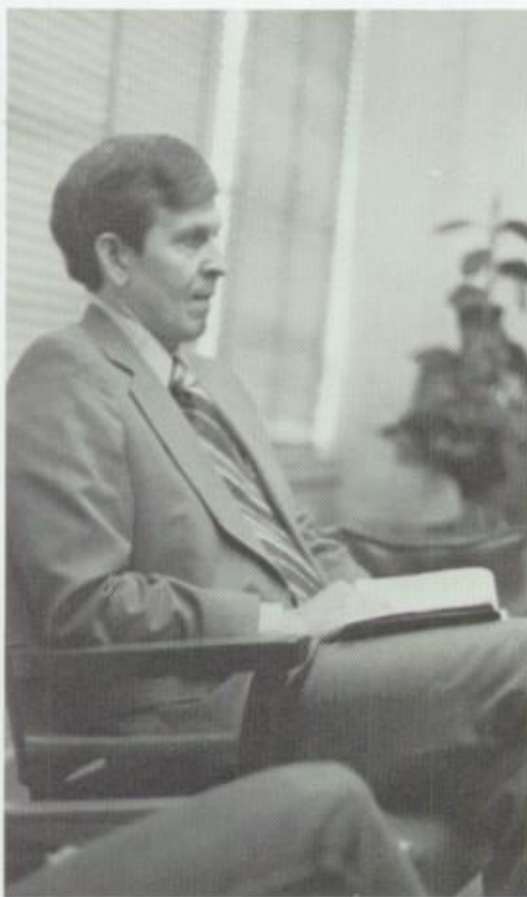


THESPIAN PRESIDENT Ida Lane examines a gift presented to her as Melinda Lee looks on. Thespians met monthly to select plays which were performed.



## FOCUS

### Senator, judge among speakers at prayer group



AS AN ORGANIZER of the weekly faculty prayer group meeting, Assistant Principal Gene Ford actively participates in the discussions.

Each Wednesday morning faculty members are invited to attend the faculty prayer group meetings in the teachers' lounge. Established four years ago, the teachers gather to hear speakers and to witness with one another.

With Mr. Gene Ford responsible for the activities, the group sends gifts to the sick, to shut-ins, and to those who have lost family members through deaths.

Among the guest speakers whom Mr. Ford obtained during the year for the 7:40 a.m. meetings were State Sen. Lawson Swearingen, Judge Charles Traylor, and evangelist Martin Garson. Student speakers included David McCormick and Bart McMillian. Doug McKnight and Donna Moore were invited to sing a selection of spiritual music.

Although there have been many guest speakers, the favorite, according to Mr. Ford, is also the leader of the group, "the Lord."

**THE REBELETTE** drummers kept the marching squad in correct cadence. Drummers were Michelle Howard, Kim Peters, Lisa Gibson, Kim Rountree, Sharon Pratt, and Christy Whitlock.





#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

(First row) A. Putnam, A. Ginn, reporter; S. Dupuy, treas.; L. Aldridge, V. pres.; S. Martin, pres; P. Mercer, Sec.; G. Smith, chaplain; P. Ward, historian; J. Williams, sgt.-at-arms. (Second row) M. Reppond, T. Epps, L. Gates, E. Jennings, A. Titus, M. Tatum, L. Cheek, L. Carson. (Third row) R. Willis, P. Middleton, T. Lenard, B. Wheelis, C. Chapman, J. Gullic, M. Pedigo, J. Russ, M. Easterling. (Fourth row) B. Bowen, L. Bowman, T. Hinson, A. Dunmgoole, M. Riser, M.A. Wheat, D. Deal.



#### STUDENT COUNCIL

(First row) R. McGowen, Pres.; B. Wheelis, V. Pres.; P. Mercer, Sec.; J. Giles, Treas.; D. Salsbury, Hist.; T. Fewell, Parl.; K. Henry. (Second row) L. Gates, C. Smith, S. Davis, A. Meadows, C. LeBrun, P. Middleton, S. Dupuy, Mrs. Jeanette Harris, Adv.; J. Herbet. (Third row) C. Ramsey, D. Ferguson, L. Oxford, V. Mason, A. Adair, R. Ward, L. Cook, C. Bennett, D. McIntosh, L. Thrailfill.



#### COOPERATIVE OFFICE EDUCATION

(First row) T. Baugh, pres.; K. Humphrey, v. pres.; J. Herrington treas.; J. Oglesbee, Sec. (Second row) J. Gullick, A. Whittington, B. Morris, C. Roberts, Mrs. A. Phelps, advisor, (Third row) E. Bolre, C. Hemphill, D. Temple, D. McCarvill, M. Sanders, S. Averitte, A. Crenshaw. (Fourth row) F. Smih, T. Banks, M. Young, R. Dunaway, F. Honeycutt, P. Downs.

#### ART

(First row) B. Brookes, pres.; R. Joslin, treas.; M. Jones, hist.; R. Williams, v. pres.; C. Jones, sec. (Second row) K. Young, S. Young, L. Socha. (Third row) J. Hobgood, S. Graham, J. Johnson, M. Thompson.







## Professional memberships help teach students skills for future vocations

For the fifteen member Art Club, lead by president Bonnie Brooks and sponsored by Mrs. Paula Adams, helping with the homecoming Assembly, and activities ranging from painting the set design for the Twin City Civic Ballet, to a Christmas banner, to a Christmas window were events which were funded by candy and air-brush T-shirt sales.

An Employer Appreciation banquet, a Teacher Appreciation Coffee, and a Florida trip were some special events held by the Cooperative Office Education organization. President of the 25-member club is Terry Baugh and is sponsored by Mrs. Audrey Phelps.

Sponsors of Distributive Education, Mrs. Mary Coleman and Mr. Charles Jackson and president Lori Holton, along with the 51 other members, opened a school store. This store supplied stock needed for the average school day. Forty-five members bought shares of stock to open the store. At the end of the school year the store was shut down. Money made was paid back to the students at the price they bought the stock; the remainder was divided among the 45 members.

Presiding over the 60 members of the Fu-

ture Business Leaders of America, president Terry Baugh, together with other members, took a field trip to the News-Star World, a bank, and district and state conference: accompanying the members was their sponsor Mrs. JoAnn Calhoun.

A Trick or Treat party for Milsaps Kindergarten, delivering fruit bags to residents of nursing homes, and an open house for faculty and parents were events held by the Future Homemakers of America lead by Terri Huff, president. Mrs. Nadine Miller, Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury, and Mrs. Margueritte Anderson sponsored this '43-member organization.

Performing in street mime and clowning at nursing homes and public services, a children's theatre and carnivals, and productions of three musicals for children's theatre were the projects of the 55-member Theatre Forensics sponsored by Mrs. Shirley Fields.

The senior play, "Barefoot in the Park," was a scheduled event for the 59-member group, sponsored by Mrs. Linda Townsend, for Thespian Troupe #442. Thespians also worked with the fall Junior-Thespian play as well as with the musical, "Westside Story."



IN FRONT OF THE stadium, Art II students completed the backdrop for Twin City Ballet for the annual Christmas program. Directing the students was art instructor Mrs. Paula Adams.



"West Monroe is looking good to me because all the students are uniting together, and everybody has a better outlook on life and the future.  
Carolyn Bennett "



"West Monroe is looking good to me because I feel like the Raiders as well as all the classes have achieved more.  
Laurie Kent "

FORMER ENGLISH teacher and National Honor Society sponsor, Mrs. Opal Shively delivered a motivational speech to NHS members concerning the meaning of Christmas.



# CURRICULUM

## *Required Courses*

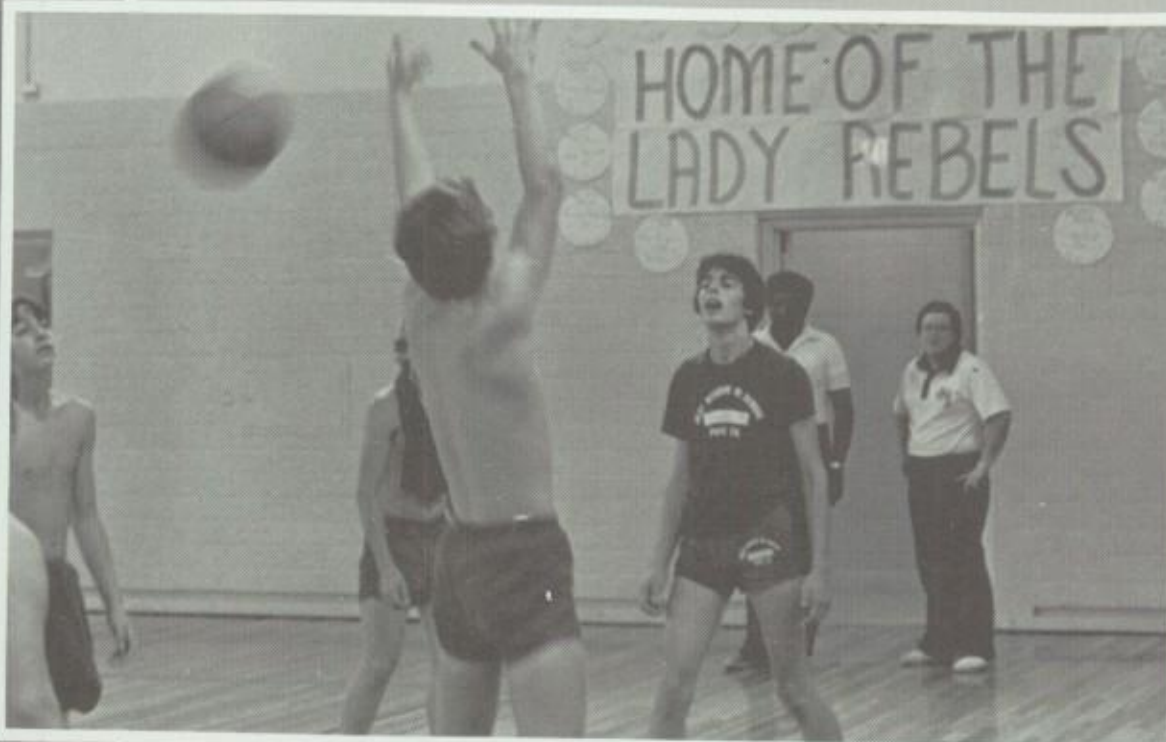
*English*  
*Math*  
*Science*  
*Social Studies*  
*Physical Education*

## *Electives*

*Music*  
*Home Economics*  
*Art*  
*Foreign Language*  
*Business*  
*Spirit Groups*  
*Speech*  
*Journalism*  
*Publications*  
*ROTC/SALT*  
*Student Council*  
*Office*  
*Speech Therapy*  
*C/E*  
*Trade School*  
*Graphic Arts*









# Better understanding gives enjoyment for literature

So you don't want to take senior English. As one of West Monroe High School's senior English teachers puts it, "That comes under tough." Starting with the class of '83 all students at West Monroe will be required to take four units of English.

Preparing for the SAT, Clep test and freshman English in college are all reasons for taking twelfth grade English. However, with the new credit demands one cannot drop during the year, which helps a student in his education because, "If you know you have to learn something, you put forth more effort and end up doing a better job," com-

mented Mrs. Sue Williams.

Besides English IV, speech or journalism may be taken as the fourth credit. Other courses may be added later to the curriculum to count as an alternate credit.

"The purpose of mastering the use of English is to convey our thoughts into words," said Mrs. Williams. By taking the fourth unit in English, students should be able to communicate their thoughts and ideas more clearly. Through this better understanding of language, the enjoyment of literature becomes easier, she explained.

GRADING PAPERS is one way Miss Carla Barham uses her planning time.

MRS. JULIA BECTON reviews grammar rules with her junior English class.







CATHY RAMSEY AND Tina Adcock take a literature test in Mrs. Sue William's English IV class.



MRS. CATHY WEBB aids Scotty Foust in an English II assignment.

DEBBIE SALSURY receives assistance from Mrs. Jeannette Harris on her literature homework.

KIM FURLOW TAKES notes on Old English Christian poetry while studying the Dark Ages in Mrs. Sue William's class.



“American literature unit  
... and a quick nap ...”  
Stace Martin ””



“Learning how the literature  
started in the American  
colonies had made English  
look good.”  
Rodney Farr ””





**IN ENGLISH IV SENIORS** such as Amy Youg learn to recognize literature from the various periods of English.

**DURING HIS SOPHOMORE** English class, Derek Hodnett finds the short story the "Monkey's Paw" absorbing.



“Having the opportunity to work in math and English has really made West Monroe look good.  
Greg Morris”



“How the teachers take time out to help increase your knowledge.  
Patty Ward”





**DURING THE THIRD** nine weeks Mrs. Sue Williams instructs her English IV students prior to their research for their term paper.



## State exams determine skills in readin', riting, and 'rithmetic

Reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic, the 3 R'S. How well do you know the basics of them. Each spring sophomores determine their mastery as they take the Louisiana State Assessment Test.

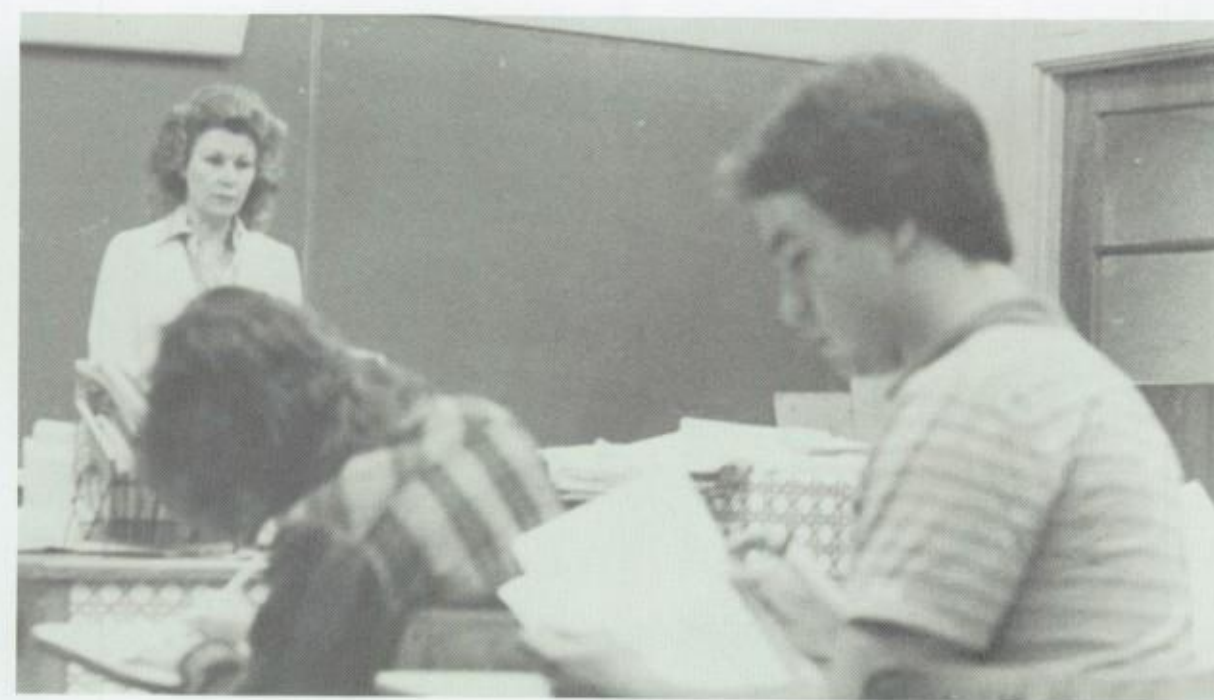
Measuring the strengths and/or weaknesses at the skills of reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic, the state test gives schools a better understanding of its students' needs, and helps detect problems in certain areas.

On a whole, West Monroe High School ranked above average compared in Ouachita Parish.

Breaking the three areas down, WMHS rated lowest in writing with language structure and punctuation being the weakest problems. Following that was rithmetic, with problem solving and fractions being the most significant.

In reading mastery, students had the highest scores, but with a few problems in drawing conclusions.

While this test reflects on the progress a student has made in the basic skills, it does not, however, reflect that person as a whole.



**MATH INSTRUCTOR** Mr. Patricia Johnson and sophomore English teacher Mrs. Mary Ford meet Wednesday before school with the faculty prayer group in the lounge.

**CHIP MCNEIL** prepares to hand in his English III assignment to Mrs. Juanita Burk.



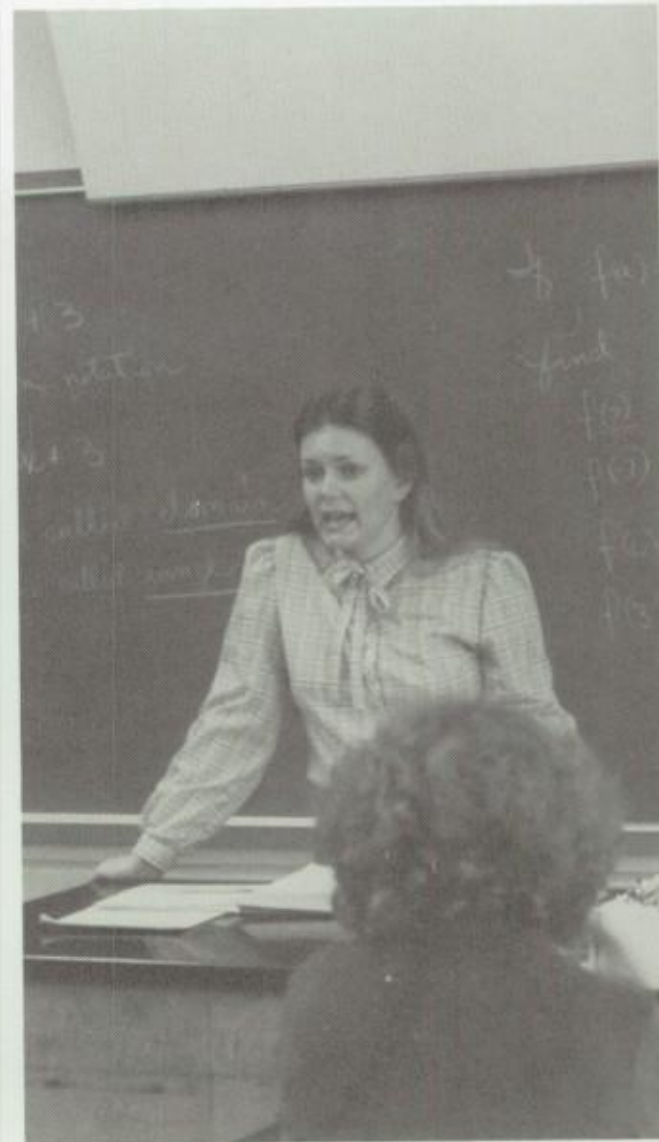
**MRS. CATHY BASS**, business math teacher, converses with Miss Lynne Parsons, while in the Superdome before the Rainiers performance.

**MRS. LINDA LUTTRELL** explains linear functions to her Algebra II students.



**SENIOR KEVIN KUHN** goes through several procedures order to get an answer in Algebra II.

**STUDENTS IN MRS. JANE JOHNSTON'S** second period advanced math class use calculators to solve problems with high figures.



“Advanced math prepares students for college level math courses. I think West Monroe’s seniors are well prepared.  
Scott Martin”



“I am a teacher of math, not a mathematician.  
Mary Beth Johnson”





*In math department*

# New faces, new places greet students

*New faces in new places, the same faces in different places greeted students enrolled in one of the math classes. Mr. Willie Isby transferred from social studies to teach business math. After a sabbatical leave, Mrs. Ida King returned to teach geometry rather than history.*

*Math has a variety of subject areas to please different people. Courses offered are algebra, geometry, or Math II. Through these subjects, the challenge of accomplish-*

*ments are offered.*

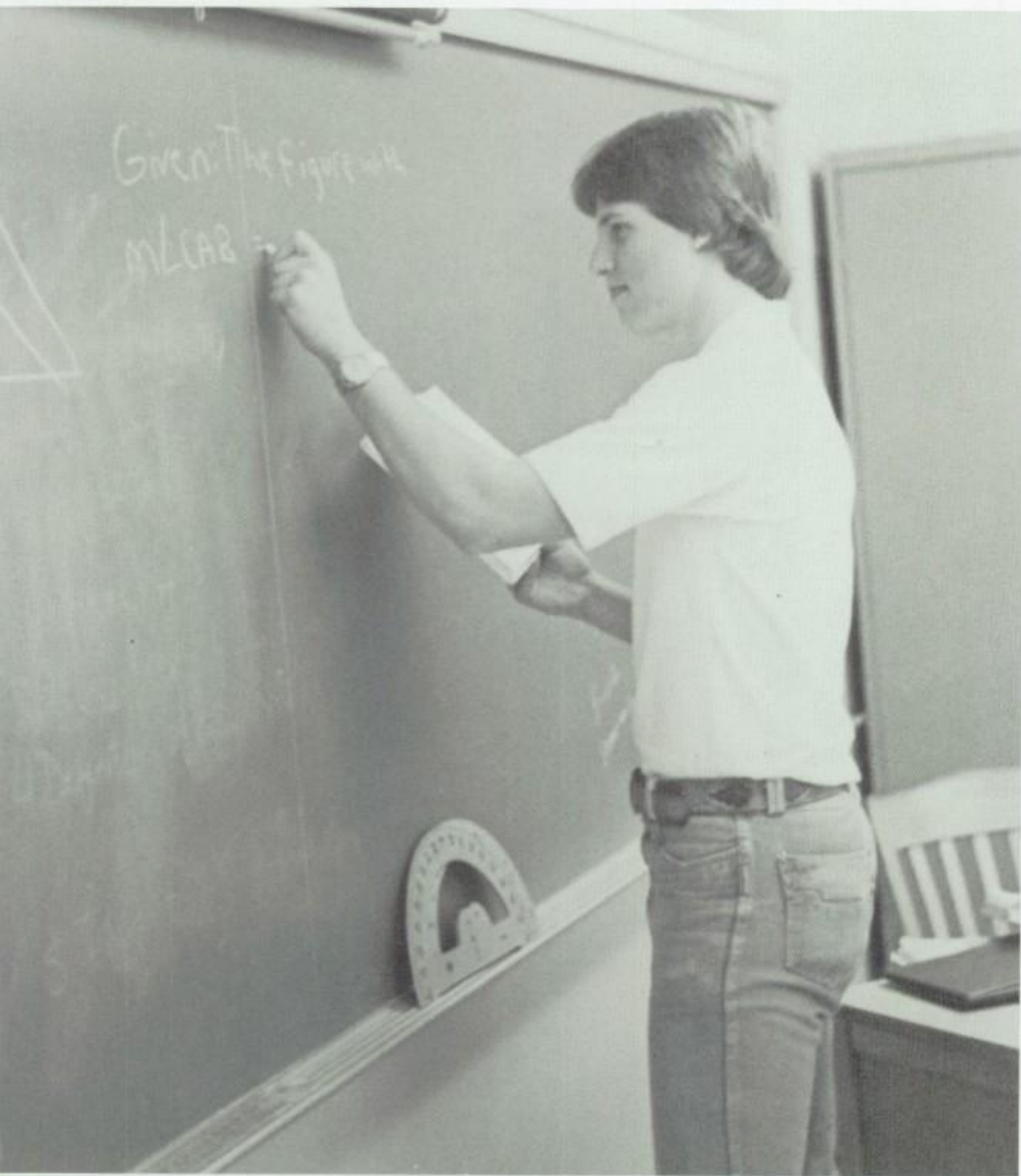
*New to the course offerings is Math II. It is available to anyone who hasn't had algebra and needs an introduction. "When the legislature added an additional unit of math and English to requirements for 1983 graduates, we added Math II," said Mrs. Billie Singleton, math department chairperson.*

*Course content includes an introduction to algebra. Math II covers to the same principles as algebra, but yet at a slower pace.*

*Radicals, integers, variables, formulas, and eventually equations are taught in Math II.*

*Teaching the class is Mrs. Mary Love Johnson, who transferred from WMJHS, where she taught general math to those who weren't able to take algebra.*

*Other basic math courses are business math, remedial business math, general math, and now Math II.*



**DURING LUNCH DUTY** by the annex, Mrs. Helen Young completes her classwork.

**DREW KENNEDY**, works out a proof in Mrs. Ida King's first period geometry class.



**MRS. JANE JOHNSTON**, Algebra II and advanced math teacher, during her duty in the halls grades papers.



# Lab, unusual materials expand science activities

Dissecting a frog may not be the most popular activity for all biology students, but dissecting does "give the student a better knowledge of the actual structure," stated Mrs. LaVon Olgesbee, chairman of the science department. "Without lab, biology would not be very interesting," said Mrs. Olgesbee.

A study of the body's skeleton is taught in some classes. In Mrs. Marion Colvin's classes, students learn how the bones move together for movement. Also, they learn to distinguish the difference in a healthy body and a non-healthy body.

In physical science, students study sound and light waves by using tuning forks, slinkies, and other instruments.

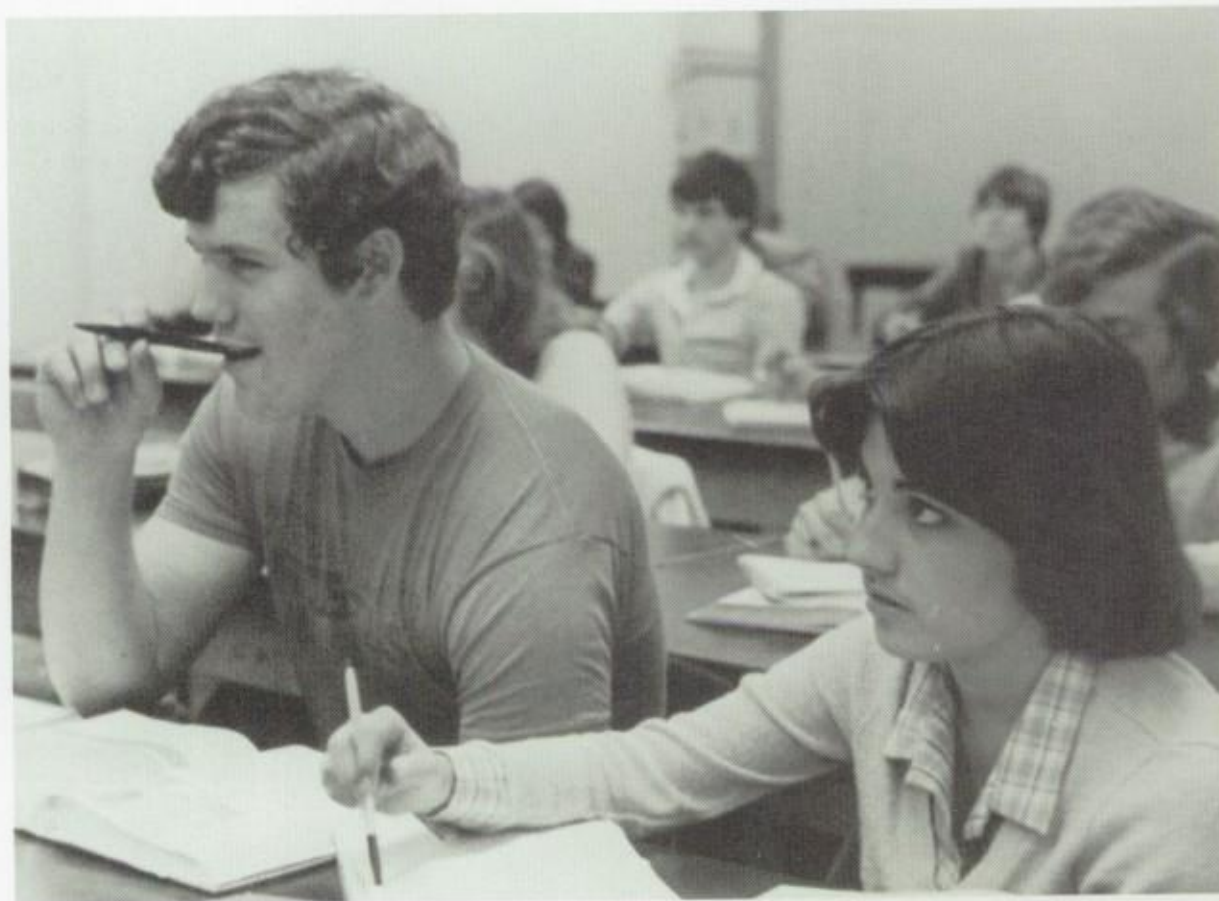
"The most important factor in any laboratory situation is safety," stresses Mr. Annor Ford. In chemistry, the students experiment with chemicals.

Introduction to physics and advanced physics prepare students for college career choices. Engineering, medicine, computer technology, and geology are among fields that require physics.

"Introduction to physics is not required for advanced physics. We work some problems and study the principles of physics," explained Mrs. Linda Luttrell, instructor.

Specimens, collected for biology classes over a period of years, are used as examples of the different animal phyla. Some teachers use them for classroom viewing more than others.

Biology pre-tests are administered to find out how much the student knows at the beginning of the year. At the end of the year, post tests are given to determine how much knowledge has been gained.



**HOWARD THOMPSON** and Candis Reeves pay close attention in Mr. Gene William's biology class.

**BIOLOGY TEACHER, Mrs. Marion Colvin** explains electrical circuits to her students.

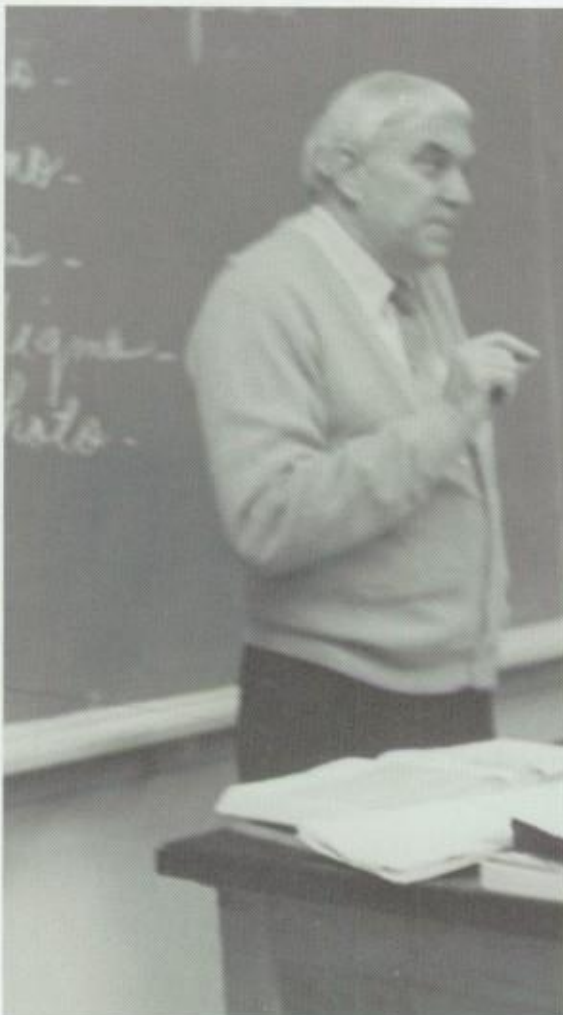






**DURING LAB** session in chemistry, juniors Jim Douglas and Tim Coody balance their scales in experimentation.

**DURING ONE** of his biology classes, Mr. Gene Williams explains the meanings of scientific prefixes.



**MRS. LAVON OLGESBEE**, biology teacher, discusses cone-bearing and flowering plants with one of her students.



**AFTER ATTENDING** her Saturday Science courses, Jeanne Lauhoff continues to pursue her interest in science.

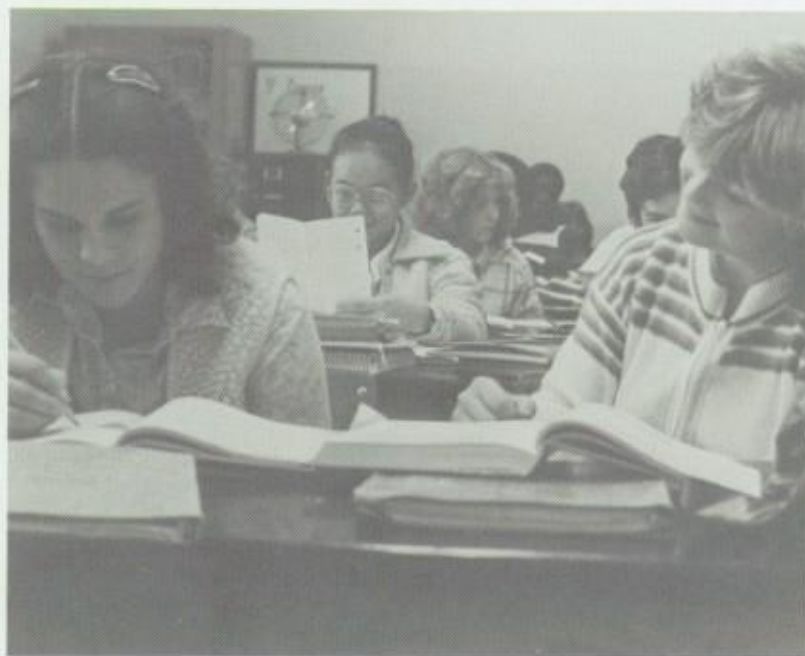
## Junior enjoys special courses

"The Saturday Science Program was both fun and interesting to those who like science," said Jeanne Lauhoff.

Jeanne, a junior, attended a five-week course in medical physics at Northeast Louisiana University. The programs are geared for expanding the enjoyment and knowledge for student's future ca-

reer.

Programs are conducted on five Saturdays, which are filled with activities concerning one or two branches of science. Objectives for taking the courses include student experimenting, working, and mastering techniques in the science field.



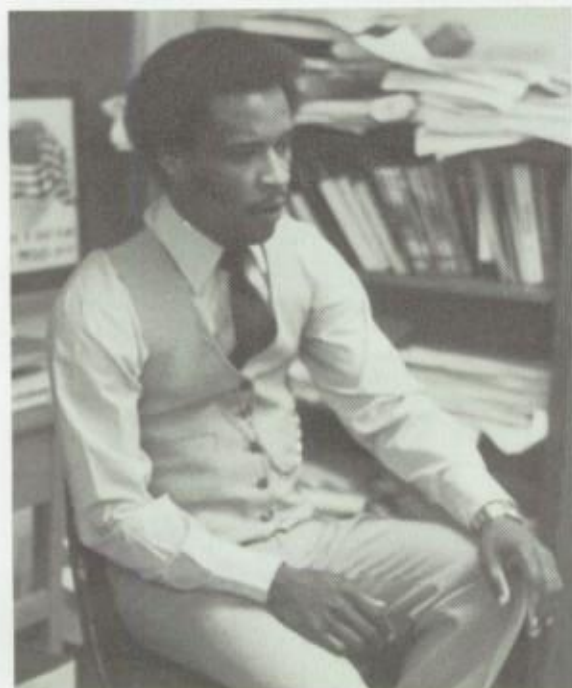
**SHONA EDMUNDS** and Amber Barnard work out equations in Mrs. Linda Luttrell's fourth period Algebra II class.

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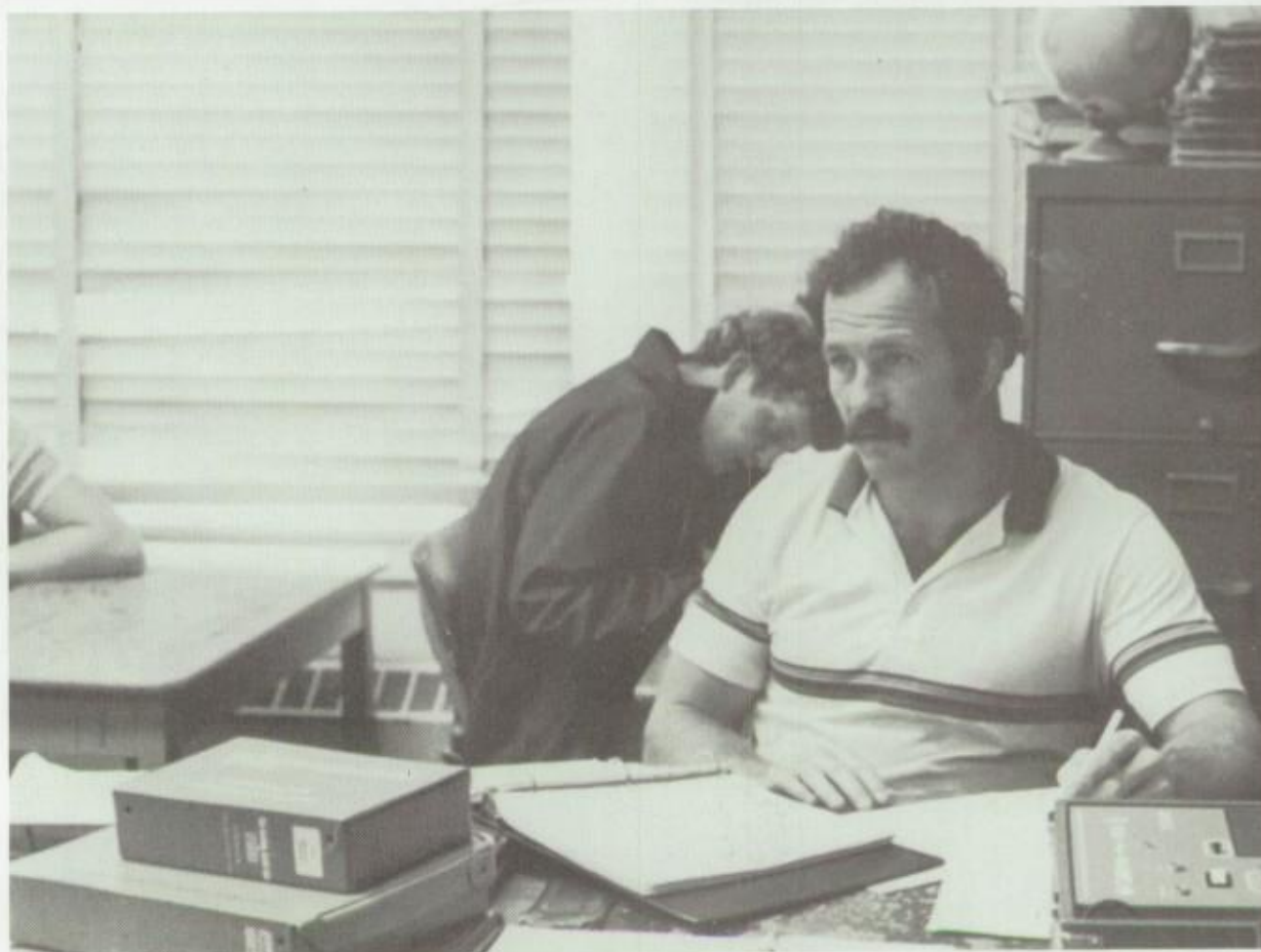
**MRS. JEANETTE COOK** begins a second semester with a new unit of work in her first period American History class.

**THROUGH THE USE** of audio visuals material and posters, Mrs. Camille Adair tries to help her American History students become more involved in their studies.



**LECTURING ON THE** development of human society is sociology teacher, Mr. James Aubrey.

**FOR HIS FIRST** year at WMHS, Coach Mike Reed not only coaches but also teaches geography.



"Having the privelege of letting Mrs. Newson attempt to explain how to prepare income tax forms."

Jay Williams



"I have learned much from Mrs. Adair which will help me to understand our American Heritage."

Freddie Bennett





# People courses teach progress of civilizations

People courses, that's what social studies classes offer, as they help students to understand the relationships of human beings to other human beings from previous civilizations to current ones.

Other cultures and civilizations are the concern of general history and geography, each of which can be taken for half credit. In these courses, students consider the civilizations other than the one with which they are most familiar. Instructors for geography are Coaches Mike Reed, and Elvin Spears, while Mr. Willie Isby is general history instructor.

Teaching students about the American heritage are American history teachers Mrs. Camille Adair, Mrs. Jeannette Cook, Mr. James Warner, Mr. Carl Richardson. In these classrooms, students review the events

which have been vital in the development of the United States, as well as learning important people and dates that have influenced their own civilization.

In their senior year, students must schedule the half-credit American Free Enterprise which is devoted to teaching students — who are and will be future consumers of goods — how supply and demand and prices influence each other. Helping seniors learn how the taxes, supply of money, and foreign trade can affect his personal security and well-being are AFE teachers Mrs. Helen Newsom, and Coaches Andy Long and Sidney Smith.

To learn why people act, feel, and think as they do, juniors and seniors may enroll in Mr. Truett Thorn's one-semester psycholo-

gy course. Mr. James Aubrey in sociology teaches juniors and seniors how human beings live together and how human society originated and developed.

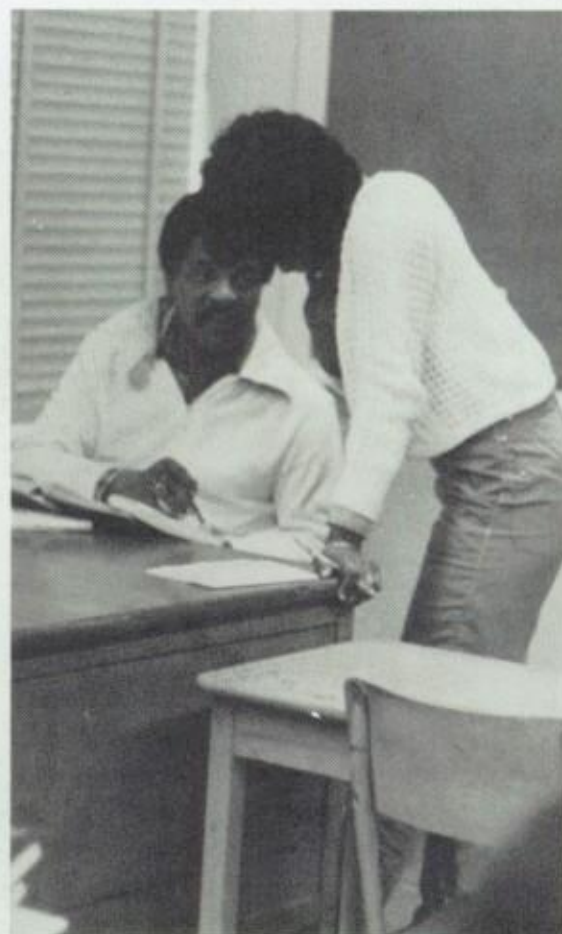
For students who have not earned their required credit in civics, the course is taught by Mr. Aubrey.

Seniors may enroll for one-half credit in government, which is taught by Mrs. Newsom, to study the federal government system, with emphasis on respect for the law, the promotion of loyalty and patriotism, and the understanding of government as a pervading social force in the lives of human beings — people.



**TO HELP STUDENTS VISUALIZE** their study of the war between the states, Mr. James Warner explains his bulletin board display.

**MR. CARL RICHARDSON** answers Bridgett Robinson's question in American history class.





# Activities require alternating use of facilities for girls, boys.

Thanks to a unit on smoking, several former smokers have broken the habit, according to Coach Jack Williams.

Conducted by the medical auxiliary and Mrs. Carol Ferguson, the smoking seminar tested students in both boys and girls physical education classes. Participants were given a cigarette to smoke and were then tested for carbon monoxide and stress.

The boy and girl PE classes alternated using the gym, tumbling room, the track, the tennis court, and the softball field. In the gym students played volleyball and basketball, while in the tumbling room they played ping pong. During the warmer months

classes participated in softball and tennis.

A unit on circulatory and respiratory emergencies, rhythms, stunts and tumbling were included in the girls course of study. The boys played touch football, track and participated in six weeks of health.

Due to a drop in enrollment, the PE classes have been smaller.

Teaching the girls were Mrs. Patsy Antley, Mrs. Lou Nell Taylor, and Mrs. Ora Willis.

Coaches Jack Williams, Eugene Jones, Elvin Spears, and Sidney Smith taught boys' PE.

**AS HIS FELLOW** classmates dribble the basketball down the court, Scott McKnight watches for his opportunity to contribute to the game in P.E.

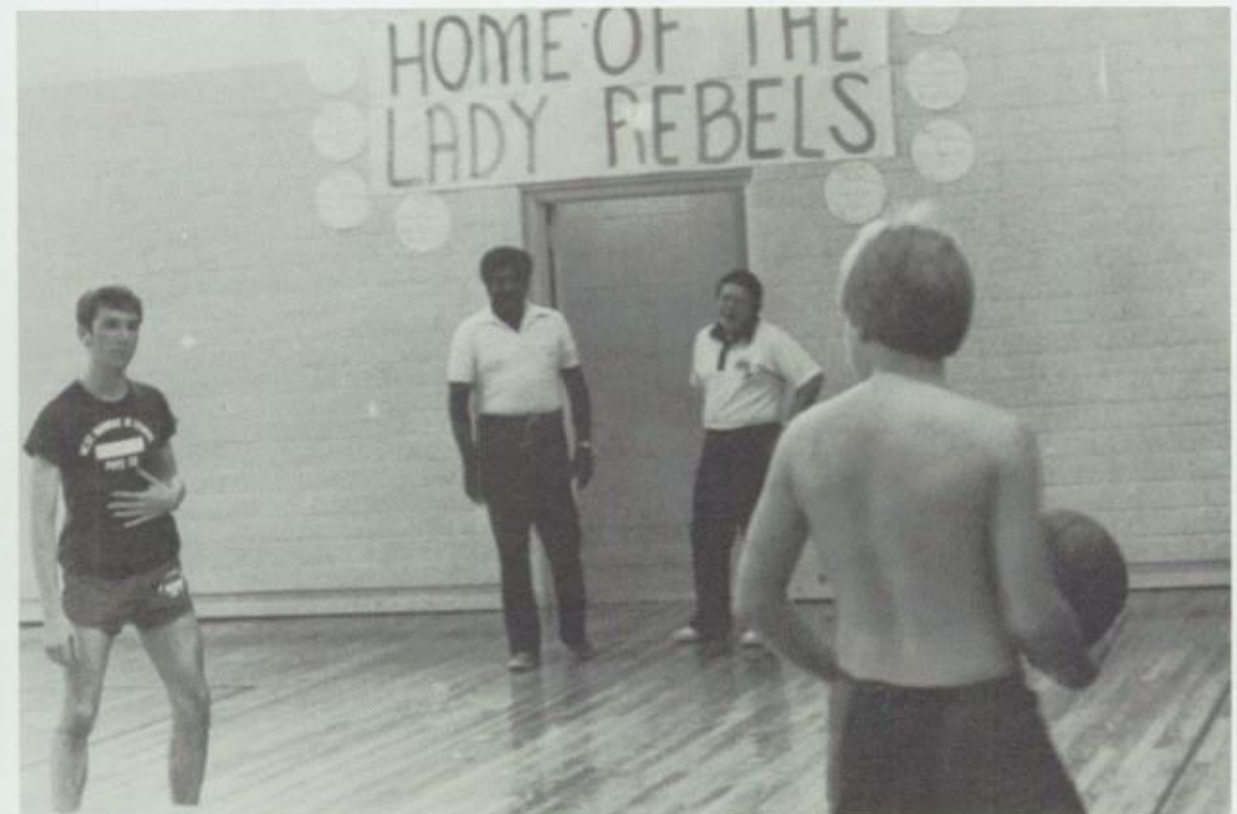


**A UNIT IN ARCHERY** keeps Renee Thacher, Stacy Smith, Vicky Mason, and Becky Mason busy practicing under the guidance of Mrs. Ora Willis.





**IN THEIR ANNUAL** seminar on smoking and its effects, Janice Burkett tests her reaction on the machine.



**SANDY ODOM PRACTICES** her return during her ping pong game in Mrs. Pat Antley's fourth period P.E. class.

**COACH EUGENE JONES** and his student teacher watch as his second period class of Rec plays basketball in the gym.

“I like sports because it keeps me involved and in shape.”  
Scott Stewart



“I enjoy the programs presented and I think they have improved since last year.”  
Tony Griffin





# Home Ec classes schedule activities for faculty, guests

*Learning about colors, lines and designs, clothing, self-awareness, creative arts, needle point, and cross stitch were among the units scheduled in the home economics classes this year.*

*Techniques in laying and cutting sleeves and colors helped students to improve their sewing. Their finished products could be viewed at the entrance of the school.*

*Serving nutloaves to the faculty and taking fruitbaskets to the nursing home were activities sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America, which is four times larger this year than last.*

*With a 24-year background in teaching home economics, Mrs. Marguaritte Anderson came to WMHS from Ouachita Junior High School.*

*Advanced foods, taught by Mrs. Nadine Miller, went to Millsaps for a Halloween party. The students prepared a jack-o-lantern cake and other treats for the kindergarten classes. In addition to the party, two guests for each kitchen unit were invited to attend the annual Thanksgiving dinner.*

*"Table tops were covered, furniture was rearranged, and mirrors were added to the dining room," replied Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury about the improvements in the home economics building.*



**MRS. NADINE MILLER** awaits to serve her plate at one of the seated dinners prepared by the advanced foods class during third period in first semester.

**MRS. MARGUARITTE ANDERSON**, who transferred from Ouachita Parish High School, instructs her classes on the daily assignment.

**D.J. SHATZER**, Karla Rider, and Lori Ingram feel the different textures of the material.

**HAVING PREPARED** a Thanksgiving Dinner, the advanced foods students serve their plates.

**DURING AN HOUSING** and Equipment class Mrs. Sammie Salsbury instructs Austin Beckley on the drawing of house plans.





# Backgrounds, banners keep students active

Challenged with the task of being the only art teacher here this year, Mrs. Paula Adams scheduled several activities to give Art I, II, and III students a variety of experience.

Painting the ceiling in the art room will be an annual project of the Art II classes under the direction of Mrs. Adams. The ceiling will contain scenes of West Monroe life and other West Monroe generalities.

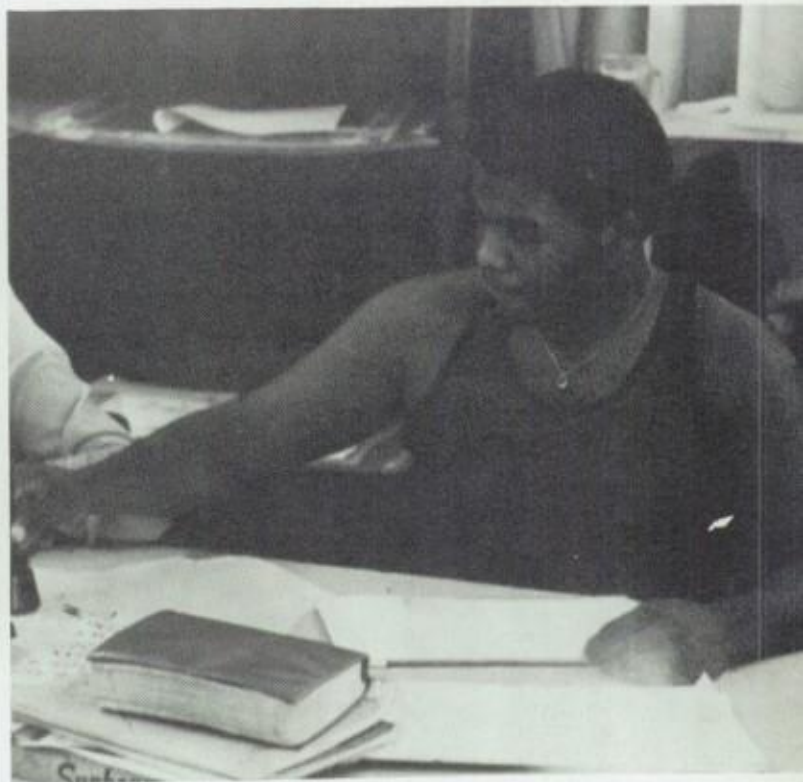
Before one can have the privilege of expressing himself artistically by painting the ceiling, he must first study in drawing and perspective. In the second semester these

students work on puppets and papier mache.

After completing Art I, the next steps are Art II and III, which give a person the chance to further his education in the artistic field. To attend these classes the students' work has to be approved by Mrs. Adams. Among the activities for advanced students were painting the backdrop for the Twin City Ballet, the background for the homecoming assembly and the program covers, painting Christmas scenes for the windows in front of the school, and decorating the cafeteria.

In addition to the art classes, the Art Club constructed a Christmas banner featuring an elf sitting on a drum which was displayed in the Bon Marche Mall in Baton Rouge. The club is state affiliated with Youth Art Council of America and attends the state convention and Festival of Arts at the Civic Center.

After student enrollment was below anticipated numbers, Mr. Carl Robinson, leathercraft teacher, was transferred to the faculty at Green Oaks. Mrs. Mary Moore, art teacher, has been on sabbatical leave this year.



ART STUDENTS LISTEN to Mrs. Jackie DeHon, artist in residence for Ouachita, as she explains how to tool the leather.

TYRONE JACOBS, Art I student, practices lettering.

“The opportunity for high school students to work with an artist in residence. Lisa Cheek



“To be able to represent WMHS with the Christmas banner has kept the art department looking good. Rayne Williamson”





## 96 march to the tune of Rebel Band

Previous musical experience is required for those students auditioning for the WMHS Marching Band, which performed during halftime at games and competed at district level, consisted of 96 members.

The concert band was comprised of 80 members, most of whom played in both bands. "I think this is a really fine band with great potential. This band has the ability to achieve the goals set forth for this year," commented Dr. Mike Spears, band director.

Practicing two hours a day was expected of all band members. The band's goal this year was to receive first division ratings at

the Louisiana State Music Contest.

In order to make All-State Band, students went through two rounds of auditions. First, they tried out for judges in the district and then went to Alexandria for state competition.

All-state band members from WMHS were Karen Taylor, Krista Weigman, Mary Alice Wheat, Pam Nolan, Amy Shamblin, Thomas Davis, and David Colvin. The honor band performed in concert for the Louisiana Association of Educators' annual convention, held this year in Monroe before Thanksgiving.



**AMY SHAMBLIN**, assistant drum major, stands at attention.

**THE WMHS REBEL BAND** performs their half-time show for fans at a home ball game.



## Rebel Band named top band in nation

Hard work and practicing from December to April paid off for the WMHS Band when they were named the number one Concert Band in the nation at the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Approximately 100 people, including chaperones and Band members, took a bus to Meridian, Miss. where they boarded an Amtrack train for a 22-hour ride to Washington, D.C.

Scheduled as a part of the Cherry Blossom Festival was a concert for President Reagan, but the March 30 attempt on his life prohibited his attendance.

Rebel band was invited to participate after tapes and recommendations from the three prominent band directors were submitted to the festival official.

At the festival each of the 36 participating bands was given numerical scores by a panel of five directors from throughout the U.S. When the scores were compiled, WMHS band had the highest average in the concert.

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**JUNIORS SHAWN ALLEN** and Randy Smith practice a drum cadence during the percussion period.

**CHRISTINA WEIGMANN** and Karen Taylor rehearse their parts in 4th period.

**AS A BAND MEMBER,** Terry Davis rehearses the saxophone for district festival.



**THE 1981-82 FLAG CORPS** consists of captain Denise Deal, co-captain Susan Bratton, (seated) Jan Meredith, Belinda Watson, Dana Heeley, Mona Reed, Kim Berry, (standing) Kelly Boyett, Denise Robison, Tracy Waldroup, Jackie Cann and Becky Curry.

**DRUM MAJOR KIM FURLOW** directs the WMHS Band at the Bastrop game.



## Choirs, ensemble represent school through concerts

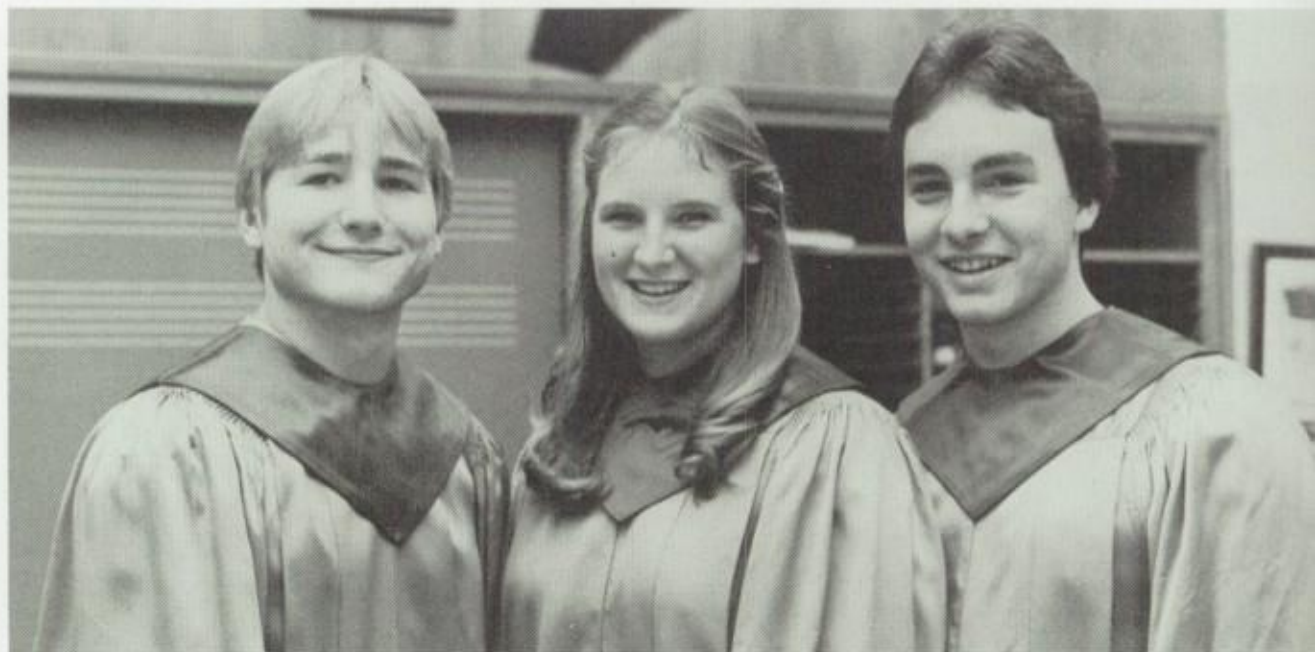
Previously at Carroll, Lee, and Jefferson Junior High Schools, Mrs. Patricia Payne began directing Rebel Choir following the resignation of Mr. Dan Watson.

"Not only do I enjoy working with high school students more than junior high students, but also I find the students at West Monroe of a higher caliber than most teenagers that I have had contact with. I really like the difference in the maturity level of the students," she commented.

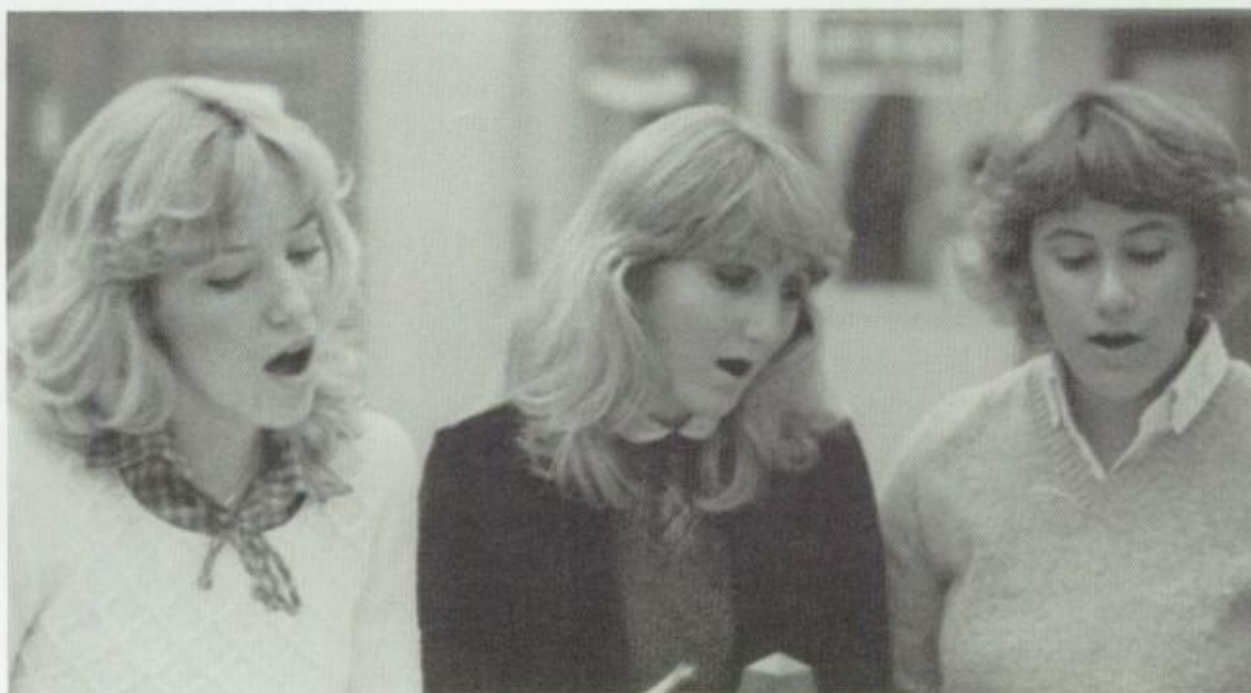
Rebel Choir, ensemble, and B Choir worked hard to prepare for a Christmas concert and a spring concert for the school and community. Rebel Choir's yearly goal is to receive a superior rating at the State Festival in April. Ensemble also gave outside performances for several clubs and events.

Three choir members, Chip McNeil, Mike Johnson, and Ellen Jennings, performed in the All-State Chorus at the Louisiana Association of Educator's Annual Convention in Monroe during Thanksgiving holidays. They auditioned against other students in the state to achieve this honor.

**ENSEMBLE MEMBERS** Karon Anderson, Cathy Ramsey, and Leslie Feazel rehearse for the Christmas concert.



**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Mrs. Pat Payne demonstrates to her students the correct technique of singing.



**PAM NOLAN AND MARGARET STEINBECK** accompany Rebel Choir and Ensemble.



**MIKE JOHNSON, Ellen Jennings, and Chip McNeil** earned places in the All-State Choir, which performed at the LAE Convention in Monroe during the Thanksgiving holidays.





#### REBEL CHOIR

**(First row)** Laurie Carson (Ens.), Gina Dison, Michele Easterling, Donna Moore (Ens.), Dana Neeley, Cathy Ramsey (Ens.), Leslie Feazel (Ens.), Ellen Jennings (Ens.), Gayle Hoover (Ens.), Darla Gathright, Patti Hutton, Lori Bowman, Tracie Hinson. **(Second row)** Karen Benton, Karon Anderson, Amy Webb, Laura Smith, LaVonne Duston, Tracy McGhee, Denise Robinson, Michele Jones, Tracy Waldroup, Kathy Abbott, Kathy Johnson, Monica Thompson, Kayla Walker, Pam Nolan. **(Third row)** Brent Roy, Bart McMillan (Ens.), Mike Johnson (Ens.), Logan Aldridge, Billy Joe Lively (Ens.), Shawn Perkins, Kerry Shaw (Ens.), Jim Murray (Ens.), Tom McCandlish (Ens.), Todd Nolan. **(Fourth row)** David McCormick (Ens.), Troy McCullough, Greg Carter, David Williams, Tim Coody, Mike Hendrix, Blake Wheelis (Ens.), Brett Cloyd (Ens.), Jim Herbet, Chip McNeil. Not pictured are: Kathy Socha, Laurie McGee, Tracy Foote, Frances Peters, Tim Mitchell, (Ens.), Don Bowen, Becky Bowen, Carole Lofton, LaDonna Stewart.

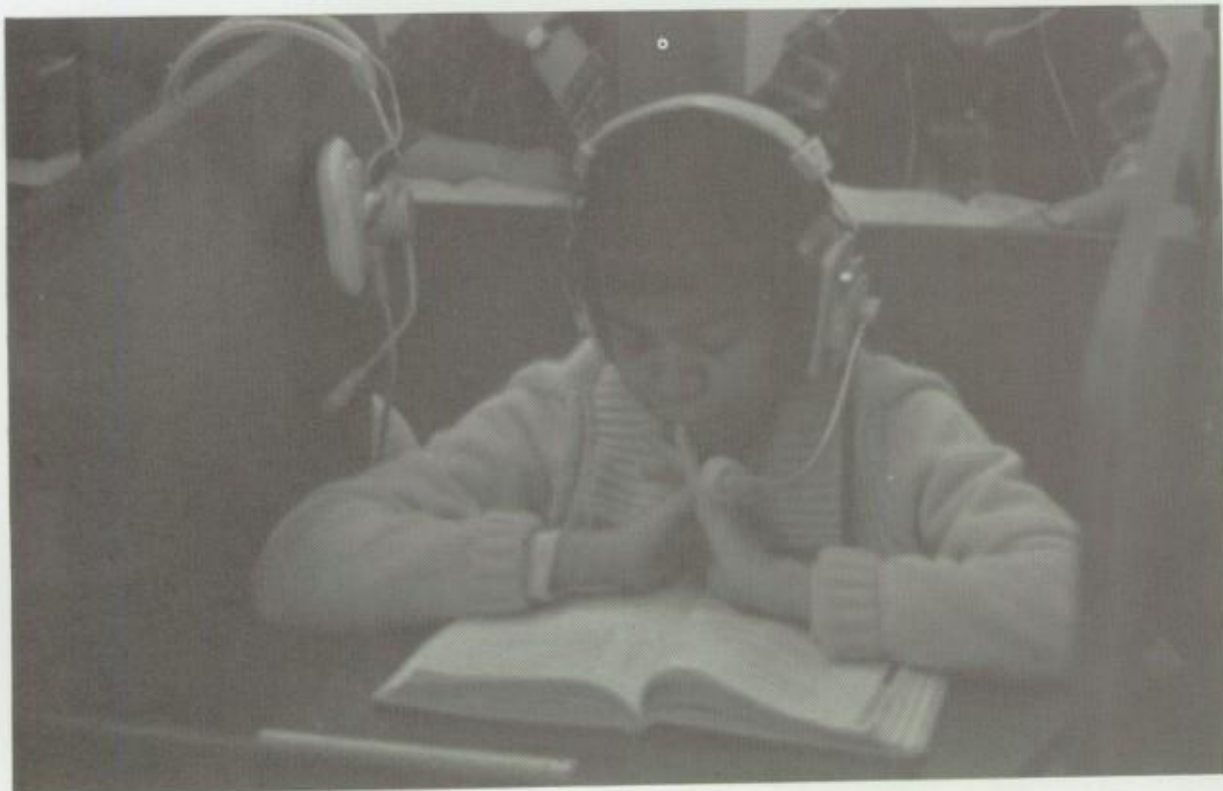


**GAYLE HOOVER AND ELLEN JENNINGS**  
practice their music for a concert.



**MRS. WANDA GATES**, foreign language teacher, helps Brent Thornhill utilize the language lab.

**PREPARING THEMSELVES** for Spanish class are Penny Middleton, Darion Branson, and Tammy Lenard.



**FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN** Spanish and French, the language lab is a valuable help for student such as Stacy Smith as she reads along in her book.

**GOING OVER PRONUNCIATIONS** with her Spanish class, Mrs. Wanda Gates, is Spanish, French, and English III teacher.



## Languages keep Mrs. Gates fluent

Teaching three languages has kept Mrs. Wanda Gates proficient and fluent this year, as she has added Spanish to her teaching load.

A 21-year member of the WMHS faculty, Mrs. Gates not only teaches Spanish since the resignation of Mrs. Gerrie Marionneaux last year but also teaches English III and French throughout the day.

"The foreign language department has been declining (in enrollment)," said Mrs.

Gates. "We're an elective, but not an easy credit. Many students try us for a semester and drop at mid-term, leaving us low since we can't pick up students at mid-term," she explained.

Assisting Mrs. Gates is a French student now studying at NLU.

"We may be in the decline, but we will rise again, as colleges are leaning toward foreign languages," explained Mrs. Gates.





## Commander takes top honors at camp for ROTC cadets

For high school students planning to enter the armed services, ROTC presents many advantages to further their military careers as well as to increase their starting pay at the time of induction.

ROTC cadets took several field trips throughout the year including England Air Force Base in Alexandria, England Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Barksdale Air Force Base, and the annual Southern Orienteering where cadets exhibit their abilities.

Brent Thornhill, cadet commander, Alan Carroll, George Tan, and Matt Burk attended Barksdale Air Force Base's Summer Leadership School. Brent received a Distinguished Graduate and an outstanding Leadership award, with George Tan also receiving an Outstanding Leadership award.

All cadets attending the summer course came from the surrounding area, all of which were in Louisiana except one which was located in Texarkana, TX. These cadets received 72 credits in fourth level ROTC.



**THE LA. 65 Jr.** ROTC squadron lines up for inspection.

**THE COLOR** guard is responsible for presenting the flags at special occasions.

**AIR FORCE MAJOR** Maxwell Austin of the university inspects cadet Jeanne' Lauhoff.



**Lt. Col. Frank Schmidt** and **M/Sgt. Billy Carter**.

**CADET CMDR. Brent Thornhill**

**THE WMHS ROTC** Drill team stands ready during an inspection.

**THE COMMANDER** and staff for 1982 lead the cadets.

**ANITA BRISTLE** practices blind flight on a simulator during areospace training.



**MRS. GERALDINE HESTER**, typing I and II teacher, corrects a student's errors.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE** business department, Mrs. JoAnn Calhoun, is responsible for helping schedule classes.

**SENIORS GAYE ARRANT** and Dawn McMillan use adding machines to total up high figures in Mrs. Bonnie Bennett's fourth period.



## Business courses provide background for further education

Since WMHS opened in 1953, the business department has grown from three teachers to ten this year. The department started with shorthand, typing, and clerical practice and now offers 13 different subjects.

Mrs. JoAnn Calhoun, chairman of the business department, noted that this year's offerings prepare students for entry-level positions in business and provide a background for additional education.

Her objectives were re-enforced by Mrs. LaVerne Williams, who stated that students can perhaps prepare for an office job without going to college or vocational

school. "The opportunity is is fantastic for business students. Salaries in north Louisiana will increase around \$500 by 1985 for clerical workers," informed Mrs. Williams.

In shorthand, students learn theory, speed building, and transcription.

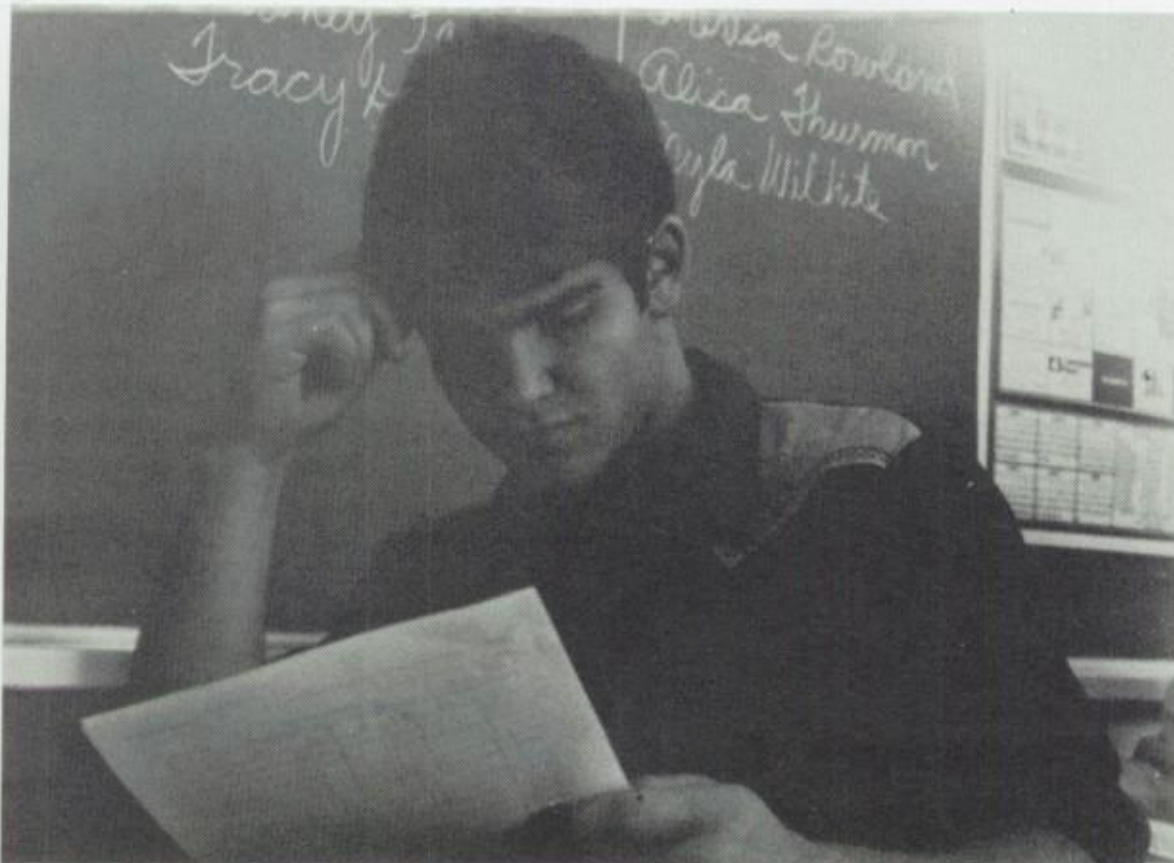
Two classes per semester in word processing were scheduled with students in each class. They processed tapes and produced mailable copy under a controlled level.

Most students took bookkeeping because there is a need for accountants. Bookkeeping gives an introduction of what is expected of them.





**LARRY MCGOUGH READS** the finger placement chart while learning the keyboard at the beginning of the year.



**BRIAN CREERY** contemplates a business ledger in Mrs. JoAnn Calhoun's 4th period.



**BEVERLY WIGGINS CONCENTRATES** on the control level during a one-minute timed writing in Mrs. Hester's fourth period.



“ A few of my former students have come by and told me how much business machines, word processing, and data processing have helped them in their college and on the job.  
Mrs. Bonnie Bennett ”



“ I took typing to improve my knowledge of the business field for college.  
Todd Little ”



# A chance to go for

**FAITH SMITH**, a COE student, works in the school guidance office parttime while she attends regular classroom activities in the mornings.

**PROPER TELEPHONE PROCEDURE**, including screening calls, when to answer the phone, and how fast to talk are among lessons for COE students first period.



**RONALD PRESTRIDGE** takes his turn working in the DECA store during concession break.

## Students invest \$1 to buy store shares

If you need Certs, pencils, paper, or notebooks, you need not look further than the new school store.

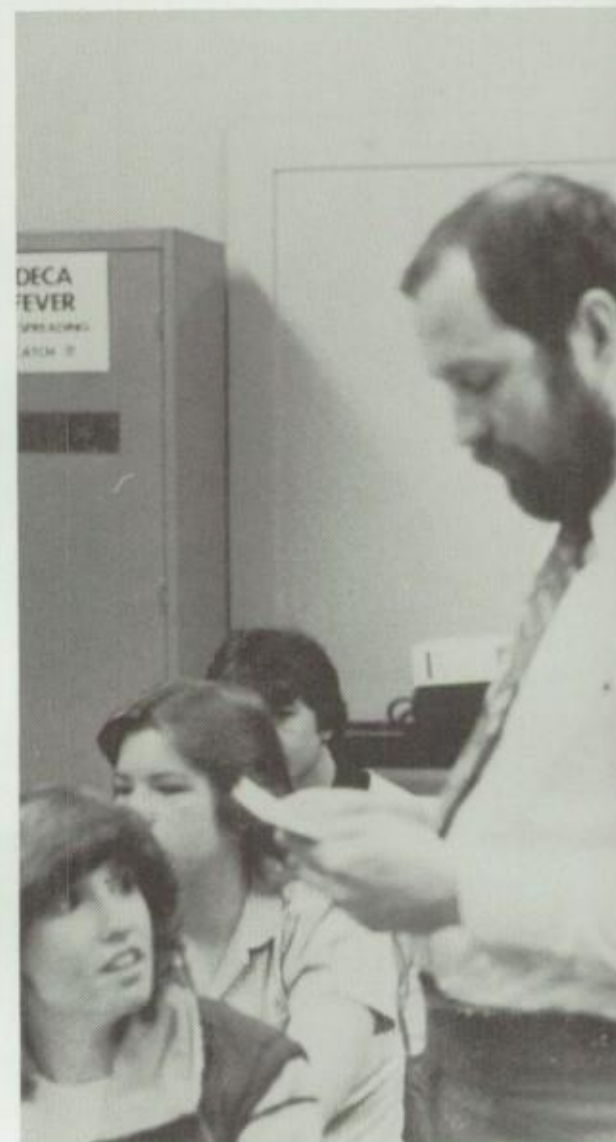
The store, which was opened this year, is located on the second floor of the main building. It provides service to students and teachers, while the same time teaches cooperative education students management.

Distributive education students bought shares of stock, which cost \$1, to aid in buying supplies.

"The D.E. students at first were negative because they had to use their own money in the project," commented Mrs. Mary Coleman.

"We also sell small amounts if you need a little quantity of an item and can't find it. We can also help with other school related functions," explained Mrs. Coleman.

**FOCUS**



**MR. CHARLES JACKSON**, DE prep instructor, issues report cards to his first period students for the first semester's work.



# the Green



Prep Distributive Education, taught by Mr. Charles Jackson, prepares the student for cooperative office education and teaches basic skills for a job.

Operating a cash register, handling money and customers, and learning how to present oneself for a job interview are among the talents required for a job.

This course is one hour and does not require that one have a job outside of class. It is suggested that this course be taken before taking the training classes, he said.

The training students in Distributive Education are required to work a minimum of 15 hours. Mrs. Mary Coleman, D.E. coordinator, sends a grade sheet to the students' bosses who grade them on appearance, attitude, communications, dependability, human relations, job knowledge,

workmanship, and an overall rating.

Mrs. Coleman instructs students on advertising, management, and salesmanship. Co-op II students gain experience by operating the store and learning the policies of the company.

Mrs. Phelps' has taught Cooperative Office Education for the last five years. Her job is to be a go-between for the 24 students and their employers.

Grades are given on what is presented in the classroom and what the boss gives. The students learn office procedures first-hand while still in school.

Students are trained in office work while they are still in high school. Among the places of employment are lawyer's offices, banks, construction companies, doctors' and dentists' offices.



**INSTRUCTION ON COMPLETING** the federal income tax forms is presented by COE teacher Mrs. Audrey Phelps to her first period COE students.

**AARON DRUMGOOLE** and Mrs. Mary Coleman, DE instructor, go over the inventory lists for the DECA school store.

**A COE WORKER** assigned to the main office, Tammy Banks takes a water break and tells the photographer, "Take my picture," which he does.

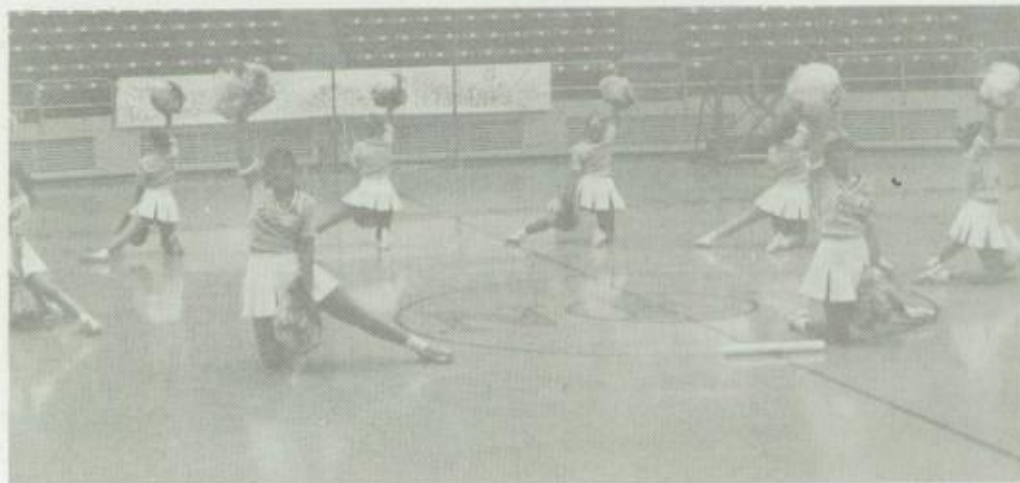


**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** are Stacey Dupuy, Missy Tatum, Lori Gates, Carole Smith, Cathy Ramsey, Cheryl Holman, Penny Middleton, Lisa Cheek, and Renee Barnes.

**AS HEAD CHEERLEADER**, Penny Middleton had the task of leading the other cheerleaders, Rebelettes, and Raiders in a cheer.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** placed fifth out of 23 squads at the State Cheerleader Competition held in Ewing Coliseum.



## FOCUS

### Renee Barnes selects outstanding cheerleader

In addition to the honors earned by the varsity squad, West Monroe's varsity cheerleaders also participated at the state competition, held at NLU and sponsored by the Northeast cheerleaders. Of the 23 participating squads, varsity placed fifth in state competition.

Competition consisted of performing a pre-prepared cheer, a pompon routine, and a cheer taught by the Northeast cheerleaders. Following this,

judges cut 13 squads to leave the 10 best. A re-evaluation of these 10 remaining was made and five were eliminated to leave the top five cheerleading squads in the state.

Twelve girls were selected from the 23 squads as outstanding cheerleaders. Among them was Renee Barnes, who commented, "When I heard my name, I was really surprised and excited."



**DURING A HOME FOOTBALL** game, varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders combine their talents to build a 16-person pyramid.



## Squads blend Rebel support with enthusiasm

West Monroe's 16 cheerleaders proved to be spirit leaders as they led pep rallies and spent many hours preparing for competition. In addition to their hard work, they made Rebel keychains, footballs, and light plates which were issued to the football team members.

If practice makes perfect, the nine varsity cheerleaders, Renee Barnes, Lisa Cheek, Stacey Dupuy, Lori Gates, Cheryl Holeman, Penny Middleton, Cathy Ramsey, Carole Smith and Missy Tatum reached near perfection. While at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp held at LSU, varsity cheerleaders were awarded four spirit sticks, two superior ribbons and five excellent ribbons.

Among four other squads in their division, the junior varsity cheerleaders attained two spirit sticks, six superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon which made them Junior Varsity Champs at UCA. Junior varsity cheerleaders were Kitty Akin, Suzy Fuller, Karen Henry, Lisa Trailkill, Alisa Thurman, Barbara Westfall, and Karen Young.



**PYRAMIDS WERE** a crowd favorite during football games.

**J.V. CHEERLEADERS** are Karen Young, Alisa Thurmon, Suzy Fuller, Kitty Akin, Karen Henry, Lisa Trailkill, and Barbara Westfall.



## Kicks earn awards for dancers, money for national MD telethon

Following tryouts on April 8, 1981, 34 members of the Rebel Raiders began what was to become a continual and daily pattern practice.

Of the 14 seniors, 11 tried out for captain or co-captain positions with their own dance in front of the members. Angie Fuller was selected by the girls to become their captain, and co-captains were Angie Putnam, Michele Reppond, and Ashley Titus.

Summer practices started in June and continued throughout the vacation. A former Raider, Mrs. Debbie Bourg instructed the girls while Mrs. Cathy Bass was the faculty sponsor. In matching practice suits designated for each day, the girls kicked, ran, and exercised to get in shape for the drill team camp at NLU. Two weeks before camp, two-a-day practices started at 7 and 6:30 P.M.

At the NLU Warbonnet's Dance-Drill Team Camp, the Raiders earned one excellent and six superior ratings. They won first in pom pon competition and tied first with

Ouachita Parish High School for final competition.

Outstanding dancer awards were given to Gayle Hoover, Angie Hoover, Angie Putnam, Michele Reppond, and Ashley Titus. Angie Putnam earned the most outstanding dancer of the week award.

The Raiders' kicks designated with money pledges for each, brought \$520 in for the Jerry Lewis Kick-A-Thon for the muscular dystrophy. Also, the girls worked in the Red Cross Run at Forsythe Park for the United Way.

When football season started, the Raiders were ready. During sixth period, they practiced to perform at half-time, learning dances on Monday, rehearsing the dance on Thursday, auditioning on Wednesday, and practicing with the band on Thursday.

After football season was over the Raiders had more opportunities to dance. On Nov. 14, the girls performed to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at the last home football game for NLU.

**TAMI EPPS AND DOROTHY Brakefield** stretch out for high kicks in sixth period practice.



**DANCING IN FLOODING** waters at the 1981 Homecoming is a part of being a Rebel Raider.



**THE 1981-82 REBEL** Raiders gather for a group picture between summer practices.

**HALF OF THE LINE** dance after the third quarter to "He's So Shy" in the end zones at the Superdome.



# FOCUS

**THE RAIDERS PERFORM** to "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at the Saints game on Nov. 29.



## Raiders go marching in . . .

... Into the Superdome, that is. An invitation to perform before a New Orleans Saints game sent the Raiders to the Crescent City during the Thanksgiving holiday. Not only did the girls perform in pre-game ceremonies, but also between first and third quarters. The three performances necessitated separate routines.

For pre-game, Raiders danced to "Yankee Doodle Dandy". The line of 34 girls was divided so that the group could dance at each end of the Superdome field. At the end of the first quarter, the lines danced to "All Night Dancing," as "He's So Shy" was the selection for the third quarter.

Rummage sales, bake sales, and the selling of Luv Ya Rebs posters paid the expenses of the chartered bus and hotel rooms.

While in New Orleans, the girls stayed at the Mariott Hotel. Among the places they visited were the Cabildo, Jackson Square, and the St. Louis Cathedral.

On their way home, they viewed the Louisiana State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

The invitation to dance at the game was issued last summer to instructor Mrs. Debbie Bourg. Arrangements and preparations were handled by Mrs. Cathy Bass.

**CAPTAIN ANGIE FULLER** and co-captain Angie Putnam shoot down the Raiders in a half-time performance.



**SENIOR RAIDERS TAMMY** Lenard, Ellen Jennings, and Deborah Simmons perform to "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" at a pep rally.

**THE LINE OF 34 GIRLS** perform to "Chattanooga Choo Choo" at the Ouachita game.



ANNETTE GINN and Patty Ward complete dating survey results.

PAM DUMAS and Greg Baxter work to complete the curriculum section for the November deadline.



OLD YEARBOOKS do come in handy, even to boost the efforts of editor Patricia Mercer to complete type captions.



## '82 Rebelaire

# Zip code remains the same but job number changes

"What's that job number again, 71291?"  
"No, Leslie! That's the zip code! The job number is 41796."

A new job number indicated a new publishing company and new procedures for staff members to learn. Going from quarter inch grids to sixth inch grids eliminated charts and figures used last year. So in addition to training new staffers, former staffers had to relearn much of the basics.

To reduce the projected cost of the '82 Rebelaire, staff members pasted up the entire ad section as well as the student life, opening, and closing sections. Overburned copy and rule lines added to the look of the Rebelaire.

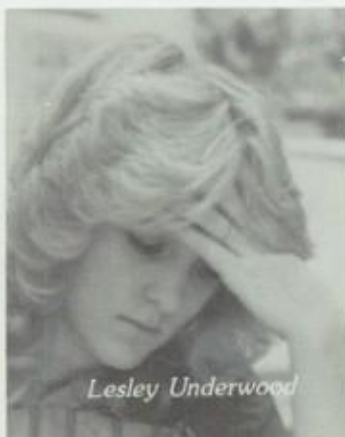
With the theme of "Lookin' Good," staffers opted to use student responses to tell how WMHS has been looking good. Individuals and outstanding events are bought into "Focus" in featurettes throughout the book.

From sitting on the trash can to waiting in line for copy corrections, the 16 staff members worked in often confused and a seemingly chaotic environment to meet the four designated deadlines. After the final deadline in February, staff members prepared for the SIPA spring convention in March. The remainder of the semester was devoted to preparation of the literary magazine, to collecting money for ads, and to begin work on the 1983 Rebelaire.



KATHY SOCHA, responsible for girls' sports, helped Margaret Steinbeck with ads by listing copy that needs to be set.

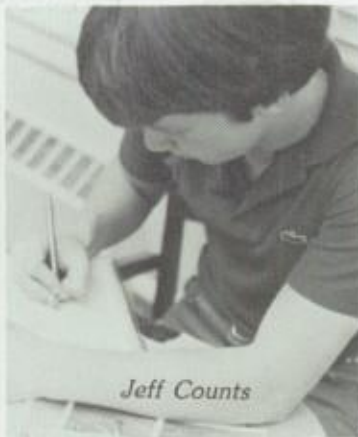




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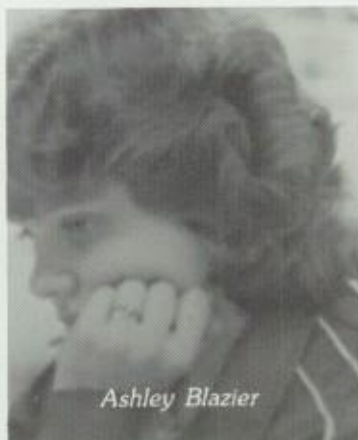
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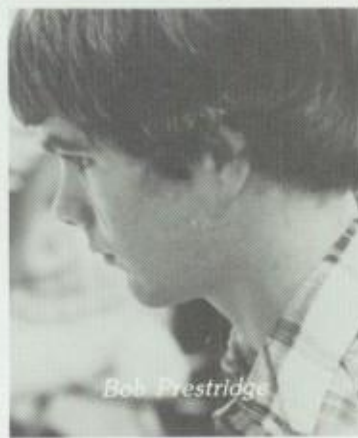
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**AS DEADLINES** approach, long hours in room 102 result in unusual attire, as Tracye Fewell works before going to church.

**MARGARET STEINBECK**, business manager, organizes ad contracts for paste-ups.



## Missing items increase as deadlines approach

"Where is my pen?"

"Have you seen my liquid paper?"

"Who's got Mrs. Carroll's good Xacto knife?"

"Whaja do with the carbon paper?"

"Help, I can't find ....!"

According to 4th period Dispatch staffers, there was correlation between missing items and deadlines. The closer the deadlines came, the more likely it was that the most vital items disappeared.

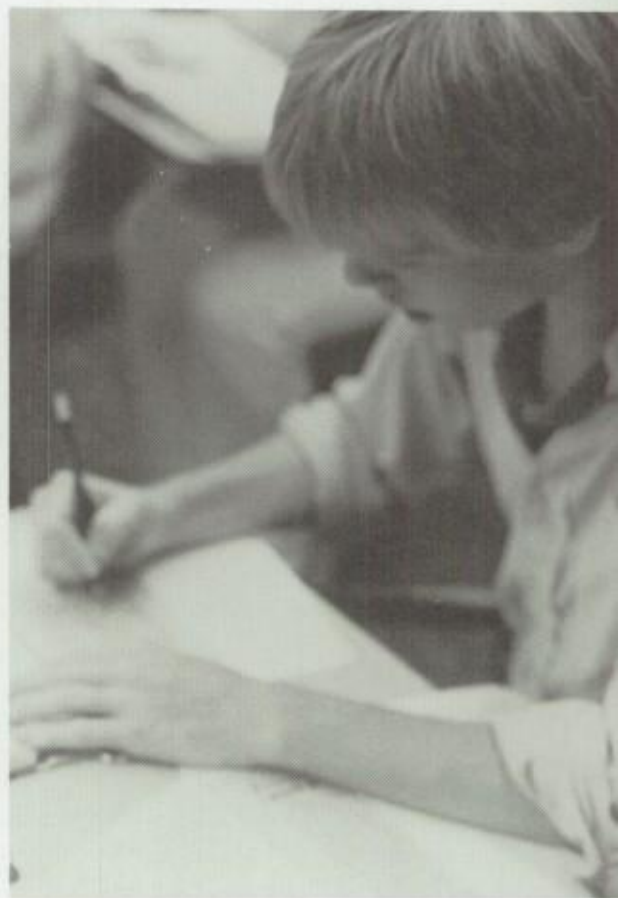
With the use of Xacto knives and liquid paper, corrections were more easily made on typed copy. The use of carbon insured that at least two copies of each story existed. Sometimes that carbon copy became more valuable than the original when the typist neglected to reverse the ribbon for a sharp original.

Led by editor Michele Easterling, the 16-member staff, planned eight issues, four each semester. To avoid an increase in cost to students, the staff decided to alternate size each issue. The cost remained 25¢ for each issue regardless of whether it was an 8 or 12-page paper.

For each issue staff members typed the original stories into designated column widths before typing the stories on electric typewriters in justified columns. These stories were then corrected and pasted down according to the page design. Correcting was done until the pages were boxed to be put on the bus to the Bastrop Enterprise to be printed. It wasn't unusual to venture past one of the two doors of room 102 and hear someone frantically yell,

"Hey, type me a 'the'!"

**SPORTS WRITER** Stacy Sullivan gets his stats of the first basketball game together.

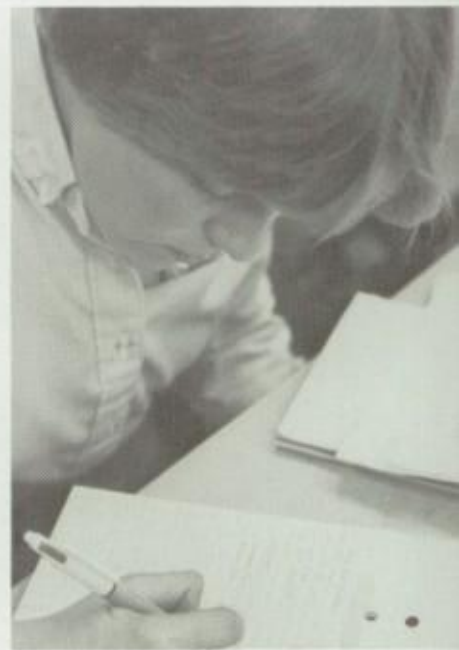


**PHOTOGRAPHER DOUG MCKNIGHT** puts negatives in the plastic sleeves to make a contact sheet.



**AFTER EACH ISSUE**, Lisa Aulds makes out billing statements for each ad.

**MIKE BANKS**, Donna Rodgers, Dana McIntosh, and Terry Baugh correct and do final paste-ups on a 12-page paper.



# Rebel dispatch

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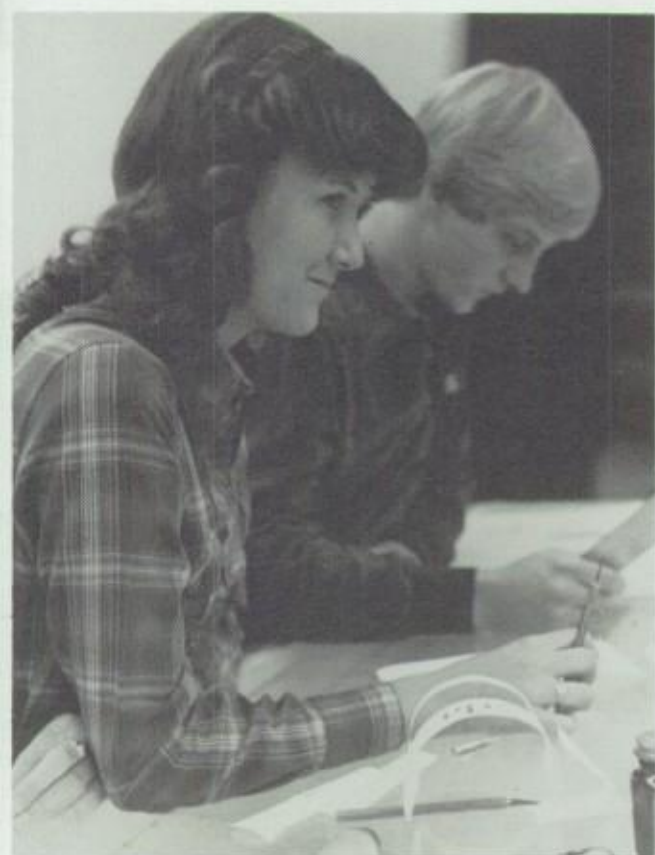
Views expressed on the editorial page are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the entire student body, staff, faculty, or administration.





*ASSISTANT EDITOR Frankie Honeycutt reads exchange papers for possible story ideas.*

*MICHELLE EASTERLING confers with Don Harrell about lay-out as he finishes pasting up ads.*



*YVETTE FOY proofreads and corrects type.*



*KAREN WINK, photographer, reviews the Dispatch after its return from the printer's.*



*SEEKING HELP from a magazine, Tara Smith looks for story ideas as Craig Hobbs looks on.*



**IN SPEECH I**, Bobby Myles demonstrates the technique of falling to Mrs. Skain's class.

**WORKING AS AN ADVERTISING** agency, Tom Burnett, Yvette Foy, Karen Young, and Greg Baxter develop a product and conduct market research in journalism.



## Speech, journalism offer opportunity to express ideas

Communication, a basic form of human life, is the art of expressing ideas, especially in speaking and writing. Speech and journalism are the two classes for the teaching of communication.

Speech I, taught by Mrs. Nancy Skains, Mrs. Shirley Fields, and Mrs. Linda Townsend, helps the student improve his communication by developing his vocabulary and vocal variety.

"The student needs to communicate with people on different levels," commented Mrs. Skains; "that means that you need a general knowledge of reading to an audience and gaining someone's attention in a

positive manner."

"Without communication, people could not get along in life. Students need to be able to fit into society and be comfortable with themselves as well as others. Speech is not just public speaking, but it is relating to people through conversation, dramas, pantomime, and discussion," said Mrs. Linda Townsend.

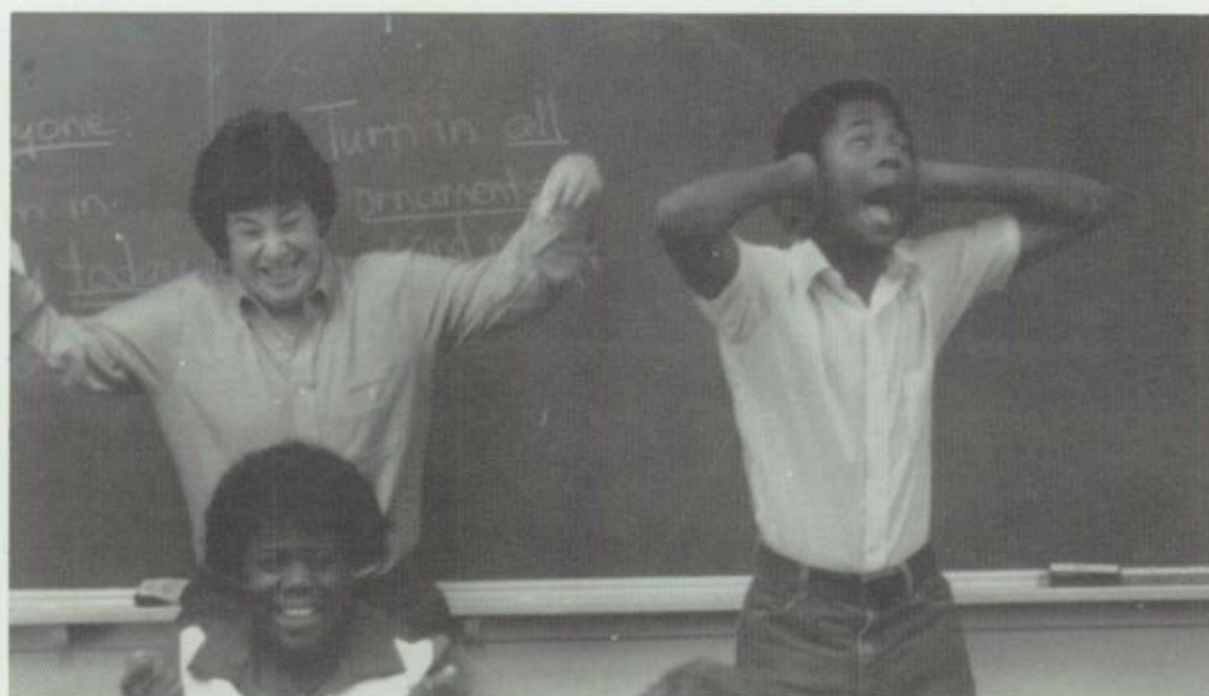
Journalism, on the other hand, uses communication in a different way by using printed symbols. Both journalism classes are taught by Mrs. Hope Carroll, who also is the advisor to both the yearbook and newspaper staffs.





**LORI LENTINI** hands a complimentary copy of the *Rebel Dispatch* to Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook during first period.

**DEBORAH SIMMONS** and Brain Creery make up their faces for Mrs. Linda Townsend's class.



**DURING FIFTH PERIOD** Speech I, Renee Hernandez delivers her speech for a grade in Mr. Linda Townsend's class.

**ROB HURST**, Stephanie Caesar, and Bobby Myles act out a skit for Mrs. Field's class.



“Debate is important, because it gives students a chance to voice their opinions in what they believe. Tammy Lenard”



“I think journalism is helping West Monroe, because it helps the newspaper and yearbook staff, which reflects back to school. Tracie Coats”



**SCOTT LAMB, BRENDA FERGUSON,** and Jerry McCullough gather their materials prior to leaving the Graphic Arts Center for their afternoon classes.

**TO SET COPY** for various requests from the parish school board and from schools, Steve Bell uses a Veri-typewriter during his morning class at the Graphic Arts Center, under the instruction of Mr. Fred Cole.



**AT THE AUTO MECHANICS CENTER** located near the WMHS campus, students learn to repair and condition engines and other car parts.

**AMONG THE STUDENTS** from all Ouachita Parish high schools who attend the half-day classes at the Graphic Arts Center are seven from WMHS.



## Vo-tech classes move into new facility.

Students who sign up for trade school classes will have a lot further to go now that the Delta-Ouachita Vocational School has moved to its new facility on Camp Road in West Monroe.

The new complex, located in the West Ouachita Industrial Park, was built at a cost of some \$6 million, with a 40-acre campus consisting of three main buildings.

Although some of the facility was ready for occupancy in November, the complete move was not scheduled until March. More than 500 people were en-

rolled in one of the 25 classes offered. Maximum enrollment is 900.

Purpose of the vo-tech classes is to assist people in selecting a suitable occupation and to prepare them for employment. The length of training depends upon the course that the individual selects.

To attend the trade school classes, one must undergo a battery of tests in the junior year to determine where one's aptitude is. The test is given on Wednesday mornings.





## Qualified students enroll in vocational courses

*For the student whose interests lean more toward physical involvement with machinery or in learning a trade while still in high school, three courses are now available.*

*At the Delta- Ouachita Vocational Institute, seniors who are accepted, based on their scores on a series of aptitude tests, may enroll in one of 25 programs. These students attend "trade school" half a day and regular class the remainder of the day.*

*Currently 14 juniors and seniors are enrolled in auto mechanics, which include 143 subjects and generally is scheduled for two years. In this voluntary program students attend either of the two classes offered and earn two and a half credits. Recently auto*

*mechanics students have been allowed to seek part-time employment in the automotive field and receive credit for class attendance.*

*Juniors and seniors from all Ouachita Parish high schools may enroll in the graphic arts class, a three-hour credit. In the class, students are taught camera techniques, film processing, plate naming and other related skills in offset printing. Of the 26 students, seven are from WMHS. Graphic arts serves as a production plant for Ouachita Parish School system by printing office supplies, roll books, raffle tickets, programs, and other material requested by the parish schools.*

**ONE OF THE INSTRUCTORS** for graphic arts programs is Mrs. Charlotte Jackson.



**AS A PART OF HIS TRAINING** at the Delta-Ouachita Vocational Institute — trade school - William Booth learns to cut a chain in his welding class as Jimbo Norris and Charles Knox observe.

**SOLDERING A PIPE** together are David Thompson and Charles Knox, both morning trade school students enrolled in a welding class.



# SPORTS

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*Softball*

*Track*

*Football*

*J.V. Football*

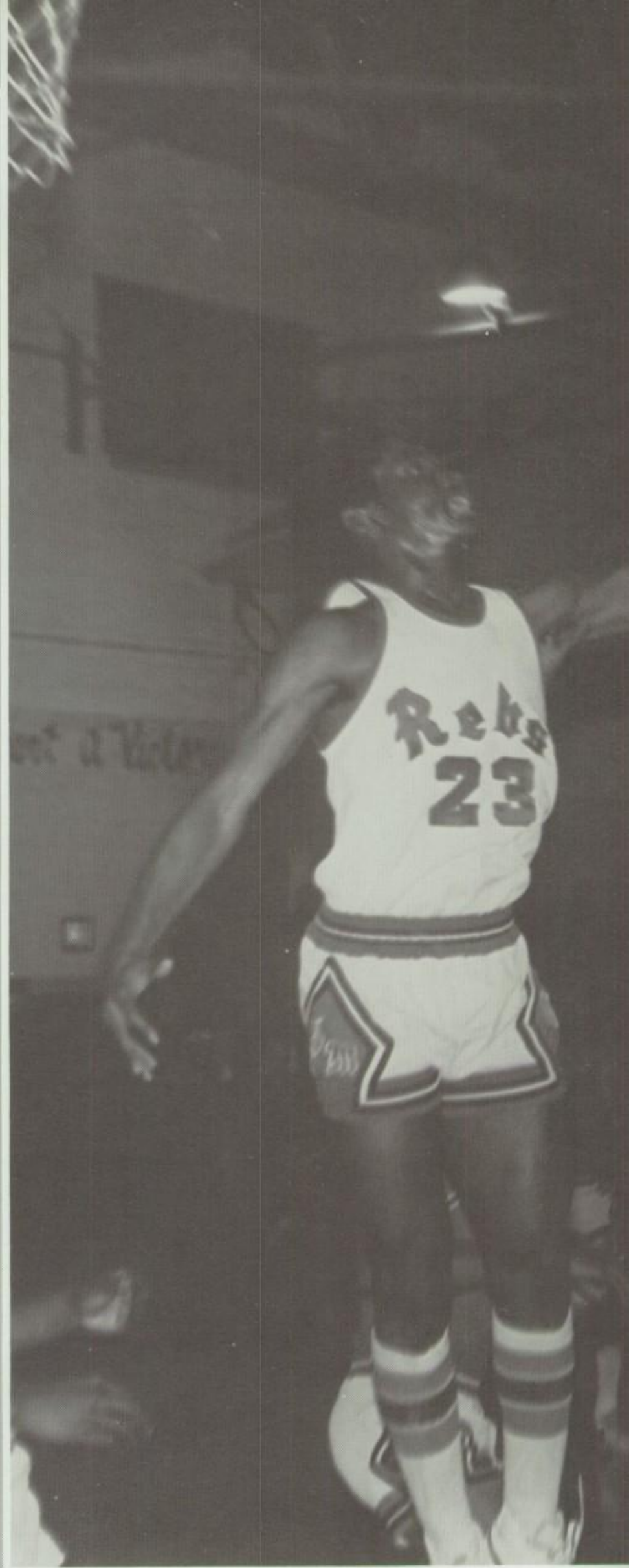
*Basketball*

*J.V. Basketball*

*Girls Basketball*

*Cross Country*

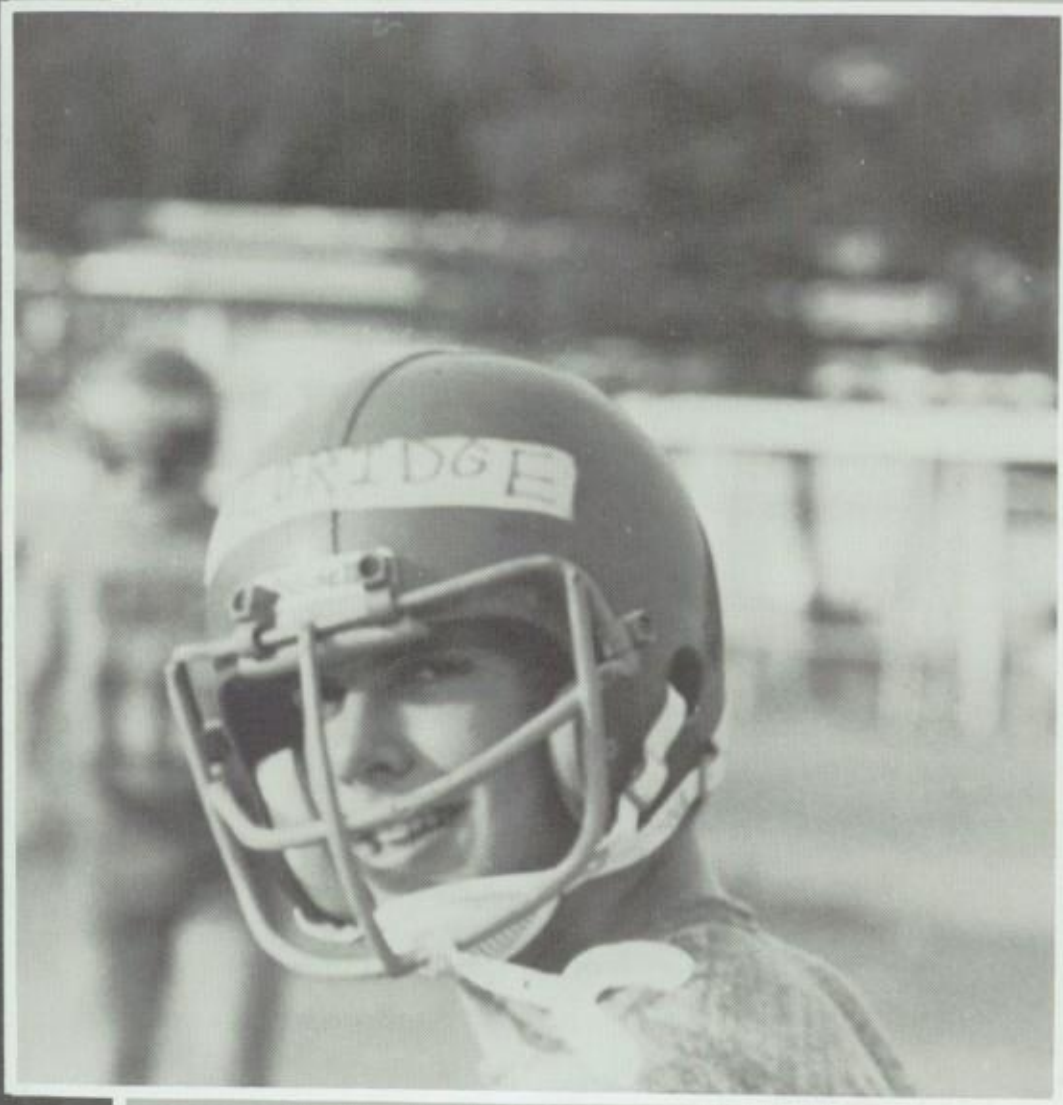
*Spring '82*





GARY MANNING goes for a rebound when West Monroe hosted Plain Dealing early in the season with assistance being offered by #13 Bill Paschal.

FROM THREE area schools, runners starting the WM Cross Country Invitational race, Oct. 29, prepare for the gun.



FOR LOGAN ALDRIDGE, as for other varsity football players, two-a-day practices began in mid-August to prepare the Rebels for their fall schedule.



# Sportswriters lose faith in prediction of district

*"We won district."*

The call of the WMHS baseball team was surely in error. It couldn't be true, not according to sports writers. West Monroe wasn't even supposed to be in the race for the district title, much less win it. Rebels were picked to place fourth! Was it determination, dedication, or the entrance of the "old pro," Dan McClure, or a combination of all.

Another playoff-bound season was earned by the West Monroe team. After compiling a 16-6 record and a district championship, West Monroe was finally edged out of the state playoffs by Bossier in a 4-2 thriller.

After the resignation of Coaches Roy Peters and Jimmy Aulds, West Monroe was in need of experienced coaching. This need led to the hiring of Dan McClure, who stepped in and led the Rebels to another winning varsity season. Since he

was the only coach for baseball, West Monroe wasn't able to field a J.V. team in 1981.

Being an underdog, West Monroe's success was a tremendous surprise. What accounted for their success? According to Coach McClure, it was a mixture of playing fluently as a team, luck, and a little over-achieving. "Each person gave a little more than he was capable of," said Coach McClure.

Before the blinking of an eye, the Rebels jumped out into an early lead in district, never to relinquish it. They won six straight before falling to Neville.

To win district, West Monroe had to beat Carroll. The tension, which was high, increased after the game had to be delayed because of the rainy weather. But the Rebels came out on top the next day by drumming the Carroll Bulldogs 12-3.

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**CHOKING UP ON** the bat, Guy Yarbrough anticipates the pitch.

**ERIC GUY SWINGS** at a pitch hoping to get on base against the tough Neville defense.







**GATHERING IN PRAYER**, the Rebels prepare for the game ahead of them.

**PITCHER RICKY HOWLETT** warms up before the game at the Rebel's home field.



**JERRY MCCULLOUGH TALKS** with Coach McClure and catcher Todd Johnston before the game.



“We’ve got some good athletes, and we’re doing the best job we can.”

Todd Johnston



“We’ve got pride, and we are trying harder this year.”

Kelly Frazier





**SCORING ANOTHER POINT** for the Rebels, Mike Johnson clears home plate in the victory against Neville.

**TODD JOHNSTON CHECKS** with the umpire before assuming his catcher's position.



## Team members elect 4 bat girls

Football and basketball have their cheerleaders, but baseball has its bat girls. Two senior girls and two junior girls were elected by team members to function as bat girls for both home and away games.

Responsibilities for Carole Smith, Lori Gates, Lori Powell, and Kelly Fincher included keeping the bats straight, keeping score, and following a special point system created by Coach Dan McClure.

Bat girls were not required to attend practices, only the games, and be attired in regulation baseball pants and jerseys.

"We had a great time," commented Lori Gates, senior.



**ATHLETES CHOMP GUM** to drive away nervousness, and batgirl Carole Smith adds her

own flavor to the game.





## Rebels take district title

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While the hitting wasn't masterful, it was consistent. Pounding out most of the hits for the Rebels was junior Mike Johnson with a .472 average, with David Bailey close behind hitting .400.

In the field it was again Bailey and Johnson patrolling the area with funnels as gloves. Each had the least errors. The ace on the mound was senior Ricky Howlett, posting a 6-3 record. Other

**HAVING JOINED THE** coaching staff as varsity baseball coach, Dan McClure works daily with his players.

**DAVID BAILEY**, two year letterman, readies himself at his shortstop position.

pitchers were Tommy Hutson and Barry Evans, with relief coming from Jerry McCullough. Backing the mound were third baseman Mike Johnson, shortstop David Bailey, second baseman Kelly Frazier, first baseman Mike Hipp, left fielder Guy Yarbrough, center fielder Brad Warden, right fielder Mark Williams and the catching duties were handled by Todd Johnston.

Using consistent hitting and the pitching stability helped the Rebels achieve a winning season. But what about next year? "A lot of next year's seniors need improvement, the attitude needs improvement, and there is a need for more experience," said Coach McClure.



**MIKE HIPP STRETCHES** forward to catch a ball during pre-game warmup.

**CATCHER TODD JOHNSTON** and the other infielders, encourage pitcher David Bailey.







**LADY REBELS SOFTBALL TEAM.** Kneeling: Lynn Jones, Lisa Aulds, Wanda Stapleton, DeJuana Shatzer, Susan Wilson, Faith Smith, Rhonda Evans, DeeDee Martin, and Denise Deal. Standing: Kelly Taylor, Kim Parker, Julie Latham, Claudia Roberts, JoEllen Spurgeon, LeaAnn Jarvis, Lisa Clowers, and Kathy Aulds.

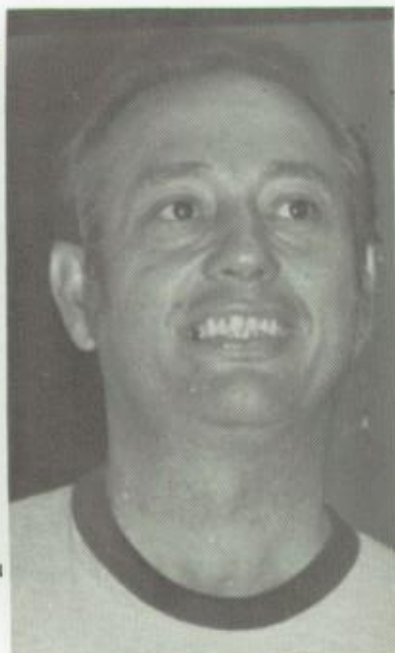


**KATHY AULDS** waits patiently on first base as the Lady Rebels battle the Calhoun Chieftains.

**COACH LINDA NEWCOM** watches action on the field as does senior, Rhonda Evans.



“ I think we will have more togetherness than we ever had. Mr. Thorn. ”



“ ... because to be good and be a team you have to know you have to work ... and that means together. Claudia Roberts. ”







## *Martin and Evans participate in three consecutive playoffs*

The Lady Rebels softball team went to the state play-offs in 1981 for the third straight year, taking with them a 12-1 record. After defeating Natchitoches-Central and LaGrange, the Lady Rebels fell to Broadmoor of Baton Rouge by six runs.

Of all players on the team, only two players were with the Lady Rebels all three years. They were DeeDee Martin and Rhonda Evans, both 1981 graduates.

"We are seven years behind the Baton Rouge teams," commented Coach Truett Thorn about state play-offs.

FOCUS





# Softball team meets expectations of coach

"I expected great things out of this year's girls softball team, and that's exactly what I got," said softball Coach Truett Thorn.

The Lady Rebels won district this year and went on to the state play-offs. "We had a real strong team, and I believe we'll have another one next year," was Mr. Thorn's outlook.

Starting their season with a 26-2 win over St. Fredrick's, the Rebels were on their way. The 34-4 win over Carroll and 16-3 over Farmerville led the Rebels to Ouachita win a 2-1 win there.

After nine games, five cancellations, and one forfeit, the Rebels lost their first game to Ouachita 4-7. They then turned around and won with a 12-2 score over Ouachita which took them to the District play-offs.

Natchitoches-Central came up against the Lady Rebels, only this time it was during softball. The Rebels had an easy win 15-5. The bi-district results against LaGrange were 10-5.

State play-offs looked promising to the

Rebs. But the South Louisiana team had the fastest pitcher the Rebels had played against all year. The Rebels lost in the state play-offs by six runs.

"We went far this year, and I'm proud of our results," said Coach Thorn, "Next year I think we will have the ability and same strength as this year and probably go just as far."

Of four athletic scholarships given to girls here at WMHS, three have been for softball. Sharon Walters went to Tech in 1980 with a softball scholarship. LeaAnn Jarvis was accepted at Tech in 1981 to play softball. Kathy Aulds is attending NLU on a softball scholarship.

"We have three strong pitchers coming back next year: Claudia Roberts, Julie Latham, and Susan Wilson," said the coach.

**BEFORE THE GAME,** Coach Truett Thorn and catcher, Lynn Jones, discuss the day's pitching with Claudia Roberts.

**"WE WILL START** practicing without all the hassle of changing schedules," said Coach Truett Thorn, about the October tryouts.







**AFTER THE GAME,** LeaAnn Jarvis, Lisa Clowers, Kathy Aulds, and DeeDee Martin discuss their mistakes.



**CLAUDIA ROBERTS,** releases the ball for the first pitch of a home game.

**WARMING UP** for a home game against Ouachita, Coach Thorn hits grounders to the fielders.





**JAY WILLIAMS** and Kevin Kuhn compete in track meets after football season is over.

**MARCIA MENYWEATHER** hits the dirt after completing a jump.





# Members of both teams earn places in the state

A place in the state was earned by members of both girls' and boys' track teams in 1981; both also placed in district and in regionals.

Outstanding performances throughout the year were contributed by Bridgette Robinson, Cathy Bamburg, Sarah Ross, Beverly Hicks, Kim Davis, Cathy Easton, and Kim Bennett, according to Coach Andy Long.

Bridgette participated in the relays and in the 200-meter run. Cathy Bamburg ran in the 1600-meter relay and the 800-meter run, while Sarah ran in the relays and the 200-meter run, with Beverly partici-

pating in the relays. Kim was a participant in the high jump and the discus, and Cathy Easton ran the 1600-meter run.

Other significant contributors to the team are Lisa Owens, Shrona Wyatt, Marcia Menyweather, Donna Ginn, Bonnie Brooks, Karen Benton, Janet Yarbrough, and Lynn Twilbeck.

The 400-meter relay team, which placed in the competition for state honors, consisted of Lisa Owens, Shrona Wyatt, and Cathy Bamburg.

Helping Coach Long with the team was one freshman, nine sophomores, two juniors, and three seniors.

Rebel Thinclads took first place in every meet in 1981 except the last one, which was regionals.

Jay Williams and Kevin Kuhn competed in the 800-meter run, with Kevin Kuhn and Nicky Waugh in the 1600-meter run. Jerome Smith competed in the 3200-meter run, and field men were Sam Shamblin and Lee Schulte.

Running in the 400-meter relay were Melvin Jackson, Glen Wyatt, Carl Robinson, and James Dangerfield, who also ran

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**KIM DAVIS** springs her body up and over the high jump bar.



**KAREN BENTON** leaves the starting line as the annual Rebel Relays get underway.





"WE HAD a disadvantage because we were rated as the underdogs in district when we started so we worked harder as a team".

## Baseball 1981

	WE	THEY
Natchitoches		
Central	22	3
Farmerville	2	0
Jena	3	5
St. Fredrick	10	0
Jena	9	10
Bastrop	10	6
Ouachita	11	10
Neville	4	3
Wossman	3	7
Carroll	9	3
Oak Grove	11	1
Caldwell	6	3
Wossman	5	4
Ouachita	3	8
Bastrop	10	3
Ouachita	3	1
Elkart Tex.	9	0
Calhoun	6	2
Caldwell	7	10
Ruston	12	1
Neville	0	5
Wossman	7	11
Carroll	12	3
Bossier City		
(play-off)	2	4

7-1 District (CHAMPS)  
16-8 overall

BLAINE BATES foresees another soft landing as he goes over the top.

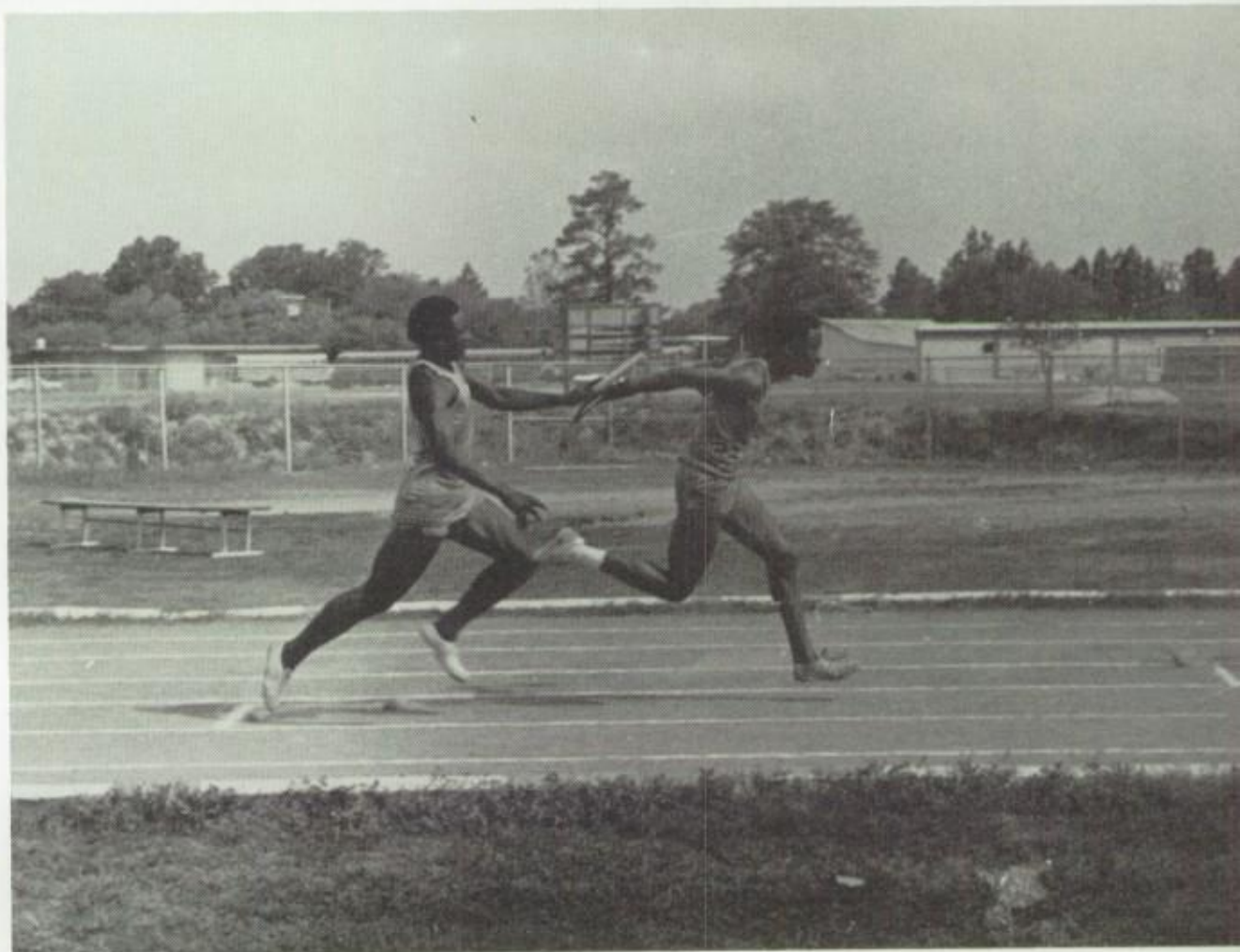


in the 800-meter relay.

"The 1982 season looks very good with most returning lettermen. The losses that will hurt the most are Blaine Bates, Willie Ross, and Jerome Smith," said Coach Jack Williams.

Leading the West Monroe victories were Ronald Gant, high jump and triple jump; Freddie Watkins, triple jump and long jump; and Melvin Jackson, 200-meter run. The best performances by Gant were 6'9" high jump and 46'4" triple jump, while Watkins had a 43'8" triple jump and 21'11" long jump. Jackson clocked 22.0 in the 200-meter run in addition to winning the 400 and the 800-meter relays.

MELVIN JACKSON receives a high-speed handoff from Ronald Gant.







## Tennis

	Boys	Girls
Neville	lost	lost
Rayville	lost	lost
St. Fredricks	won	lost
A.S.H.	lost	lost
Tallulah	lost	won
Ruston	lost	lost
Neville	lost	lost
Rayville	won	lost
Tallulah	lost	won
St. Fredricks	lost	lost



"TENNIS IS still kind a new here and in time we should become top contenders in district."

## Girls' Track

March 20	West Monroe	1st
March 26	Ouachita	1st
April 3	Ruston	1st
April 8	Carroll	(didn't go)
April 10	West Monroe	1st
April 23	Delhi	3rd
April 30	District at NLU	1st
May 8	Regional at Shreveport	2nd
May 13	State at Baton Rouge	3rd



"I LOVE to compete."



"RUNNING TAKES a lot of practice, time and desire. Sometimes I run so hard that my legs become numb."

## 1981 Track

Twin City Relays	1st
West Monroe Invitational	1st
Ouachita Relays	1st
Neville Relays	1st
West Monroe Relays	1st
Delhi Relays	1st
District 3-AAAA	1st
Regional 1-AAAA	3rd

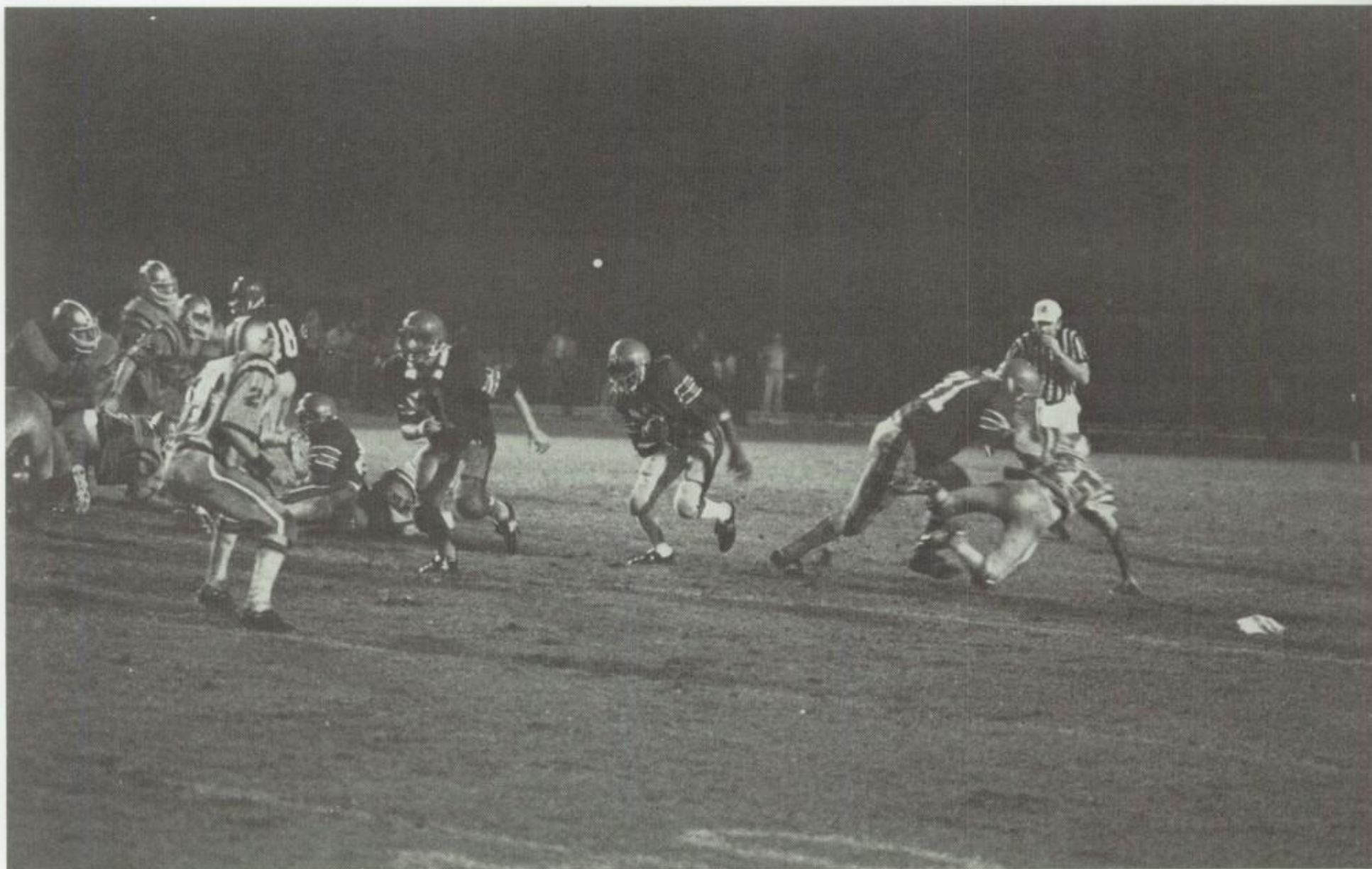
## Softball

		WM	Opp
March 3	St. Fredricks	26	2
5	Carroll	34	4
10	Farmerville	16	3
12	Ouachita	2	1
17	Farmerville	33	12
19	Calhoun	24	5
31	Carroll	(forfeit)	
April 2	Jonesboro-		
	Hodge	15	4
6	Calhoun	17	2
23	Ouachita	4	7
	Ouachita	12	2
play-off	Natchitoches		
	Central	15	5
By-District	LaGrange	10	5
	Total	12	1



"WE HAD a strong team but we just didn't have the game experience behind us when we went to the state finals."





**CARL ROBINSON MOVES** the ball up the field behind the blocks of Jim Murray and Phil Hutson in the Homecoming game.

**TRANSFERRING FROM** West Monroe Jr. High, Mike Reed instructs the defensive players from the sideline.

### **Bad breaks mistakes**

## Rough season initiates new Rebel head coach

After a couple of bad breaks and a few mistakes, the Rebels finished the season with a 4-6 record. It was a rough season for Andy Long, starting his first year as head coach of West Monroe, after John Causey resigned last season.

Three new members joined the coach-

ing staff this year with Frank Brocato, Mike Reed, and student coach Eric Middleton. Coach Brocato resigned from his job as head coach at Jena High School to come here, while Coach Reed transferred from West Monroe Junior High to take up the job as defensive coach.



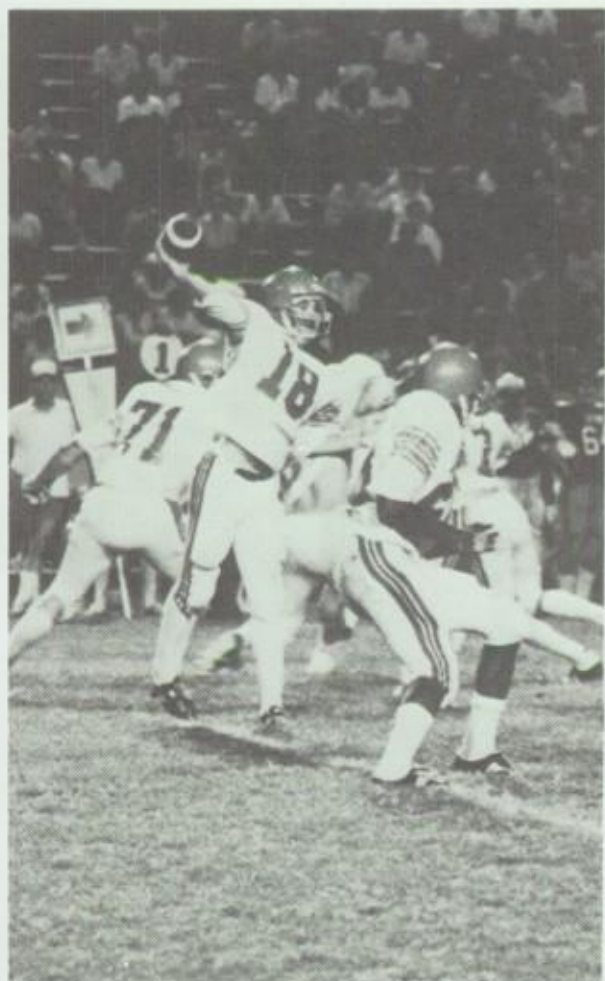


## WEST MONROE CAPTAIN SHREVE

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The West Monroe Rebels opened their 1981 season on the road in Shreveport against the Captain Shreve Gators. This game was Coach Andy Long's debut as head football coach at WMHS. Coach Long had his first taste of defeat as the Gators beat the Rebels, 21-7.

Both teams missed first half scoring opportunities.



**SPOTTING AN OPEN** receiver, Jay Williams hurls the ball past the Captain Shreve defenders.

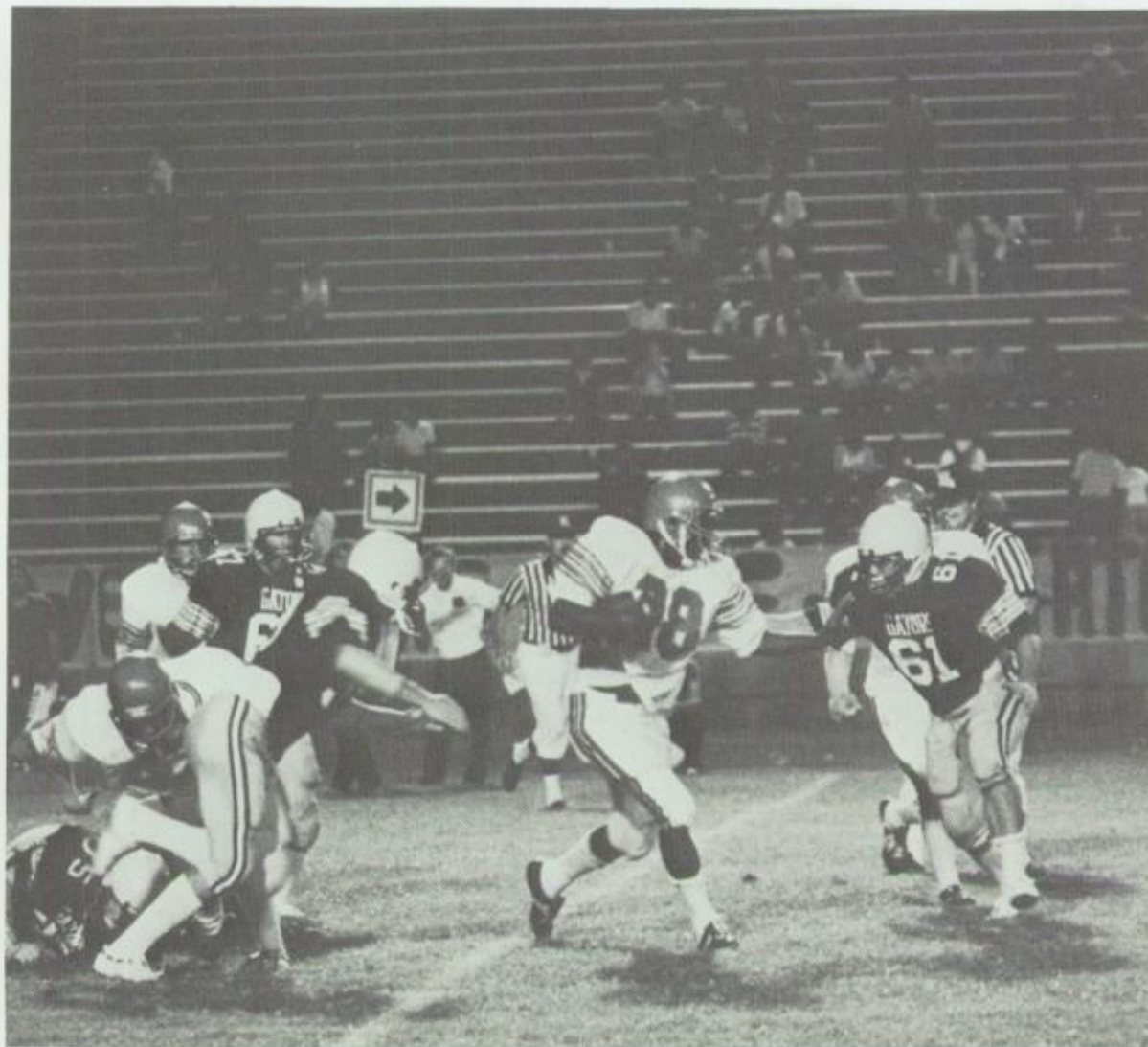
With the opening kick-off the Rebels drove 69 yards to the Captain Shreve four when fullback Tyrone Jacobs fumbled the Ball over to Captain Shreve.

Captain Shreve gave the ball right back after driving 91 yards to the Rebel's five where defensive end Doug Garlington sacked Gator quarterback Rodger Kelley on fourth and goal.

The first score of the game came at the beginning of the second half with Captain Shreve driving 61 yards in seven plays with Kelley capping off the drive with a 6-yard scamper around the right end. The PAT was no good.

The Gators scored later in the third period with Kelley again scoring, but from 11 yards out, Kelley converted the extra point and Gators led, 13-0.

West Monroe cut the lead to 6 after re-



serve quarterback Jay Williams threw a 63-yard touchdown strike to split end Curtis Coleman. Brad Bates kicked the extra point.

Captain Shreve put the game out of reach when Robert Moore threw a 27-yard half-back pass to Cedric Thomas with 5:15 left to play. Kelley ran in for the 2 points.

The Rebels fell short again in a close

**AGAINST CARROLL**, the Rebel defensive line tightened up as the Rebels beat the Bulldogs 14-13.

game against the Woodlawn Knights (of Shreveport). West Monroe's head Coach Andy Long gambled on a two-point conversion in overtime, but Ronald Gant fell about a foot short of the goal line, allowing Woodlawn to take a 27-26 victory.

After ending the regulation time tied at 20, Woodlawn won the toss and chose to take the ball first. Anthony Cheeks carried

## WEST MONROE WOODLAWN

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**RONALD GANT TRIES** to elude pursuing Captain Shreve defenders in a 21-7 loss.





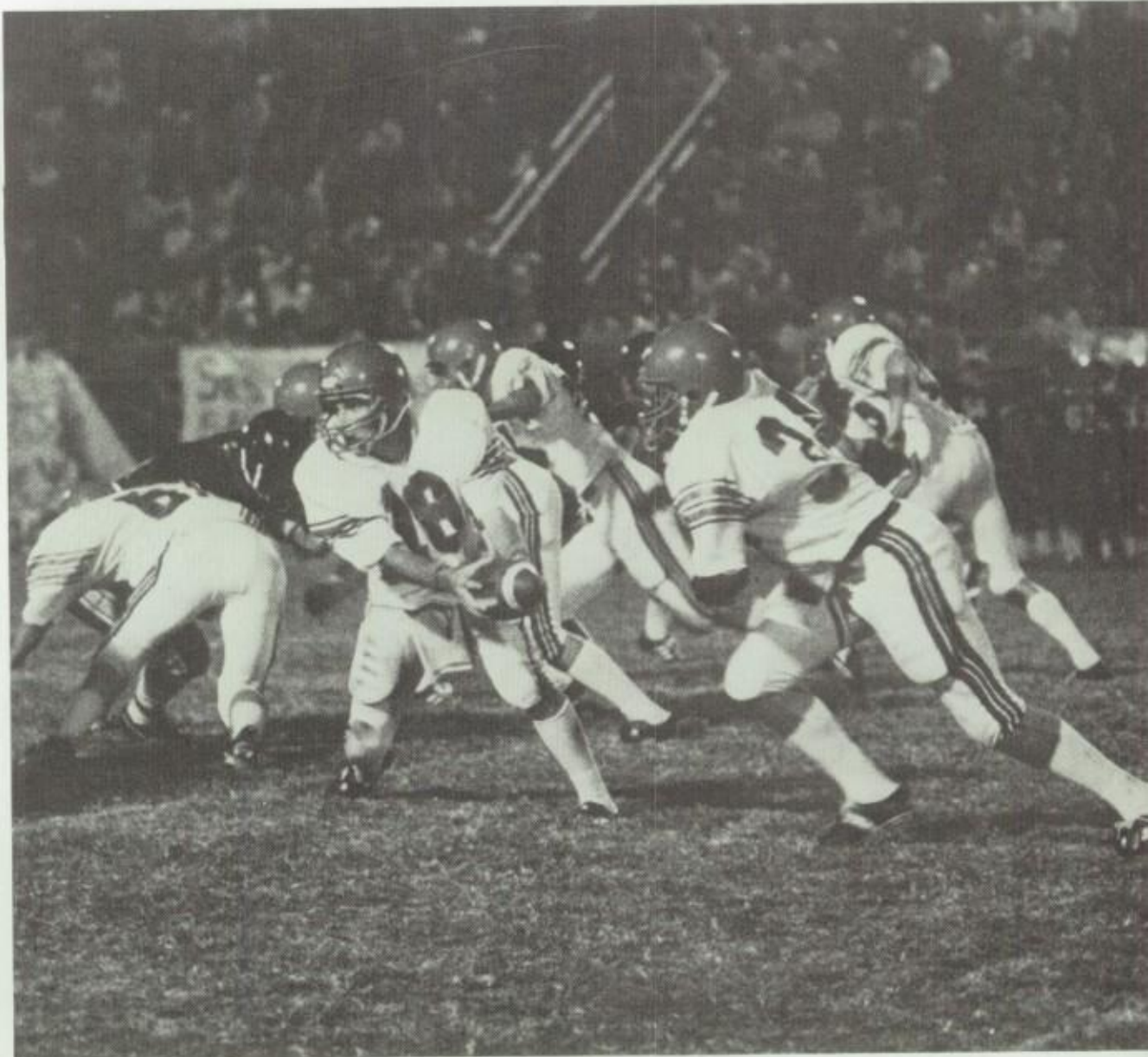
for 8 yards on the first play and then pulled back into the endzone on the next play. Cliff Ferrier kicked the extra point.

Rebels then got the ball, and on the first play Gant maneuvered his way into the endzone. But the Rebels' gamble failed to pay off when Gant came up short.

Coming out from halftime 7 points down the Rebels caused four Woodlawn turnovers, two of which led to scores.

Both Gant and Carl Robinson scored twice for the Rebels, while Woodlawn was led by Anthony Cheeks with two scores.

<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>RICHWOOD</b>	<b>7</b>



**JAY WILLIAMS HANDS** the ball to Tyrone Jacobs as a hole, created by Phil Hutson, Brice Knight, and Jim Murray, appears in the front line of Neville.

**REBELS FIRST** barefoot kicker, Brad Bates, with Bart McMillan holding, attempts a PAT.

West Monroe finally got into the win column with a 40-6 romp over the Richwood Rams.

Jay Williams, making his first start of the season at quarterback, led the Rebels as, he ran for two scores and set up another. Williams scored on runs of nine and one yards for the Rebels' first two scores and late in the second quarter ran

The Rebels were haunted this year by injuries ranging from a stumped toe to major surgery on a knee. The injuries took their toll on the team, taking nine starters for at least one week.

Seven team members went into surgery during the season, and one operation was performed after the season.

Jay Bonner, Rosevelt Powell, Greg Morris, Tom McCandlish, Stanley Dupuy, and Curtis Coleman all had torn ligament operations on their knees. Jim Douglas also had torn ligaments; although not seri-

ous, enough for surgery, but a cast was placed on his leg.

Other operations were on Delane Clark for a broken hand. Brian Creery was operated on after the season for a separated shoulder. Tyrone Jacobs suffered a broken collar bone, Jay Bonner had a broken hand, and Ronald Gant and Carl Robinson had to put up with tape on their ankles every day for badly sprained ankles.



**IN THE LAST GAME** of the season, Jay Bonner suffered torn ligaments in his right knee following a defensive play.





<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>MORGAN CITY</b>	<b>13</b>

yard touchdown run by Greg Morris for his team's final score with 3:51 remaining.

West Monroe evened their record at 2-2 as they slipped by the Morgan City Tigers 20-13.

Most of the action took place in the second quarter as the Rebels scored three lightning-fast touchdowns.

West Monroe's first score came with 9:25 left in the half as Ronald Gant ran 6 yards



**IN THE FINAL** game all the seniors on the football team line up at center field as team captains.

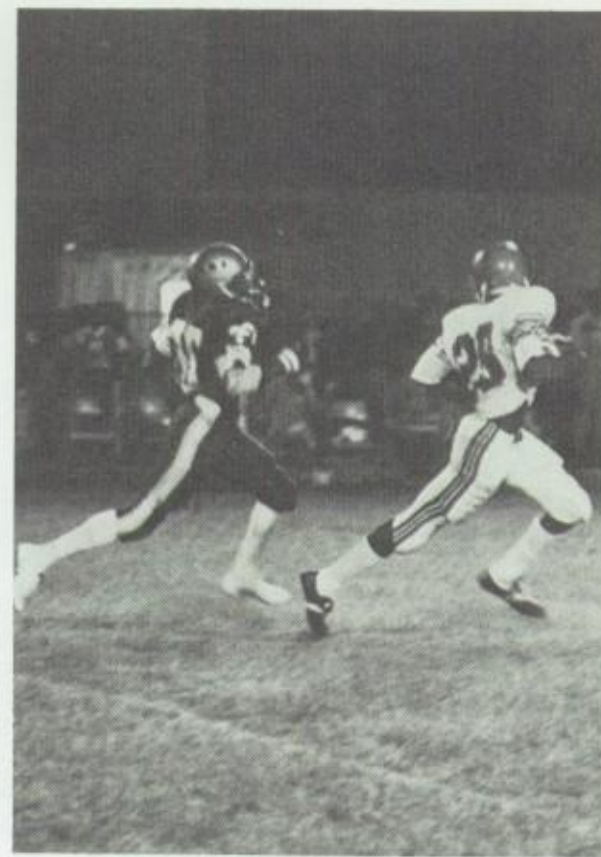
**DELANE CLARK** and Mike Johnson give it their all as they chase down a Neville player in a game which saw the Rebels lose 34-13.

20 yards on fourth and four to the Richwood 9. The touchdown came three plays later as West Monroe established a 21-0 halftime lead.

"We needed a win," said Coach Andy Long, who gained his victory first as head coach.

The tailbacks for West Monroe contributed greatly as they had 149 out of 234 yards gained in rushing by West Monroe. Johnson gained 95 yards on 21 carries and scored touchdowns of 8 and 2 yards. Watkins had 54 yards on 17 carries and scored his touchdown from a yard out.

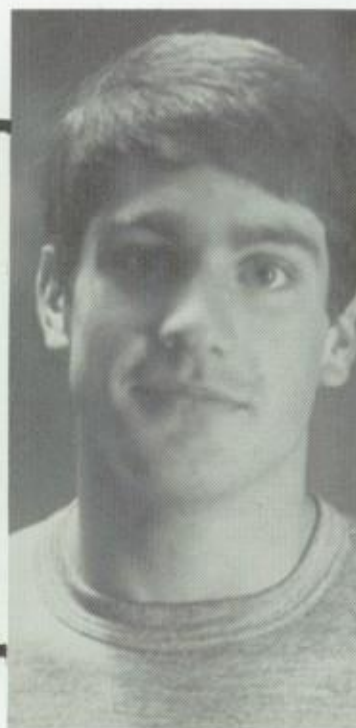
The largest gain of the night was a 35



**RONALD GANT**, the leading rusher for the Rebels with an average of 5.8 yards per carry, outruns Carroll pursuers on his way to the endzone.



“Having ‘Rebels’ painted in the endzone and being the only team in the district to have a two-game winning streak going into next season looks good to me.  
Coach Long ”



“It’s looking good when you learn a lot and still have fun.  
Scott Cupit ”



after Carl Robinson's gain of 37 yards on a run from his own 44. Bubba Edwards added the PAT.

It wasn't long before the Rebels were on the board again, just 54 seconds, in fact.

Morgan City's Kevin Tate took the ensuing kickoff at his 3 and almost broke it, but he was hit at the 29 and lost the ball. West Monroe's Tim Coody came up with it, and the Rebels were threatening again.

From there, Robinson ran for 8 yards, then Tyrone Jacobs bulled his way for 21 yards and the touchdown. The PAT was blocked but the Rebels led 13-0 with 8:31 left in the half.

Both Morgan City and the Rebels scored later in the second quarter, and Morgan City

**IN A TIMEOUT** during the Captain Shreve Game, offensive coach Frank Brocato yells instructions to team members as quarterback Todd Johnston looks on.



got on the board again in the fourth quarter for the final score of the game.

<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>NEVILLE</b>	<b>34</b>

The Rebels lost their first 3-AAAA district game as they fell to Neville 34-13.

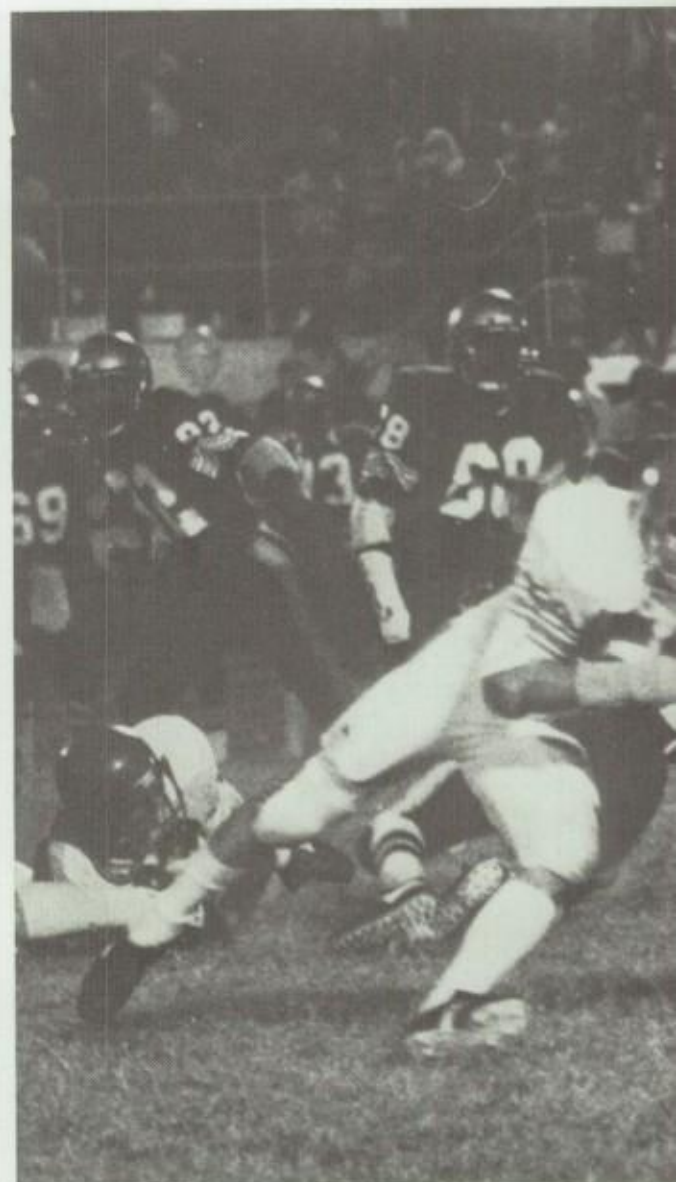
The intensity of the game was closer than the score indicated as West Monroe battled Neville to a 7-7 halftime tie. After an early second half score, the Rebels started gaining momentum until the Tigers' Trey Wilson turned the tide and returned an interception to West Monroe's 31.

Fullback Russell Kicey carried three times from the 31 to get to the 2, before Laraun Ambrose dove over from there for the TD.

Anthony Gibson was the leading rusher for the Tigers as he sped his way to 140 yards on 15 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Although Ambrose was held to only 61 yards on 20 rushes, he also scored twice himself.

Neville dominated in the statistics as well as the scoreboard. The Tigers had 268 yards rushing despite the 30 yards lost by quarterback Kevin Haynes. These minus yards came mainly while Haynes was trying to pass. The Tigers' passing game suffered as Haynes completed only



<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SPRINGHILL</b>	<b>12</b>

2 of 7 passes for eight yards.

The Rebels were held to only 90 yards

## FOCUS

### Coach plans to 'iron out' insufficient size problems

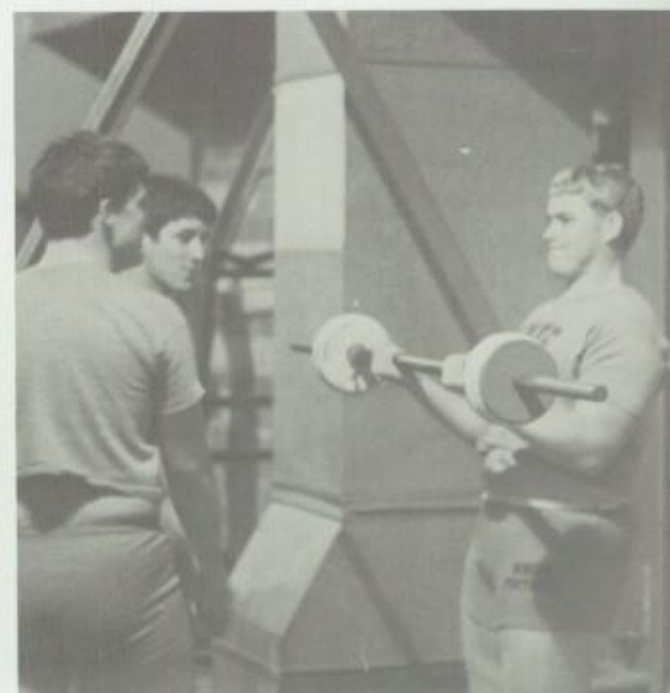
"We plan on 'ironing out' the problem of not enough size," commented Coach Mike Reed, who is in charge of the weight program for varsity football. His presence has improved the weight program greatly, according to head Coach Andy Long.

Having an adequate place for the weight program has been a 'pressing' problem for the coaches. Repair work has been done on the weight room and the "Luv Ya Rebs" booster club sold raffle tickets to raise money for new olympic weights.

A basic workout is considered to consist of three basic lifts — squats, bench, and dead lifts. These three lifts are to emphasize power and development of body size. They will also help prevent injuries because they thicken and strengthen the muscles and connective tissue.

Coach Reed is planning to have high school power meets to help prepare the team for next season.

Coach Reed stated, "Working out is really 'lifting' our spirits."



**THREE DAYS EACH** week varsity players such as Jim Douglas work in the weight room at getting stronger.





rushing and 32 passing. West Monroe ran into some trouble against the Class AA fourth-ranked Springhill Lumber-jacks as Springhill won, 12-7.

The Rebels drew first blood in the first quarter with a 2-yard plunge by Gant. Brad Bates converted the PAT.

The first of the only two completions by Springhill was a 42-yard pass from Rusty Slack to Jeff Drew. The score came with 2:21 left in the half. The two point conversion was stopped.

The only other pass completed by Slack was a 25 yarder to Drew again. It set up a run for a touchdown by Slack for the winning score for Springhill with 5:24 remaining in the game.

But with time running out West Monroe drove inside the Springhill 20 yard line only to see the drive stopped by a quarterback sack.

The Rebels were plagued by mistakes all night long. They lost two of three fumbles, and were penalized 10 times for 100

**RONALD GANT SIDESTEPS** Carroll defenders to follow his blockers.

yards. The loss dropped the Rebels to 2-4.

Turnovers subdued the Rebels as the Lions of Ouachita defeated West Monroe

19-6 in West Monroe's homecoming.

In the first quarter West Monroe's Jim Herbet blocked a Ouachita field goal attempt, but Ouachita came right back. Rob Simmons broke loose for a 58-yard run to the Rebel 3. Two plays later, Lion quarterback Tommy McKoin took it in for the score.

Starting from their own 24, the Rebel offense, led by Ronald Gant and Tyrone Jacobs, moved the ball early in the second stanza. The Rebels quickly drove down the field to the Lion's three, where Gant bulled in for the touchdown. Bates' kick fell short.

After Ouachita couldn't move the ball, West Monroe marched right back down the field to Ouachita's 7. But Gant re-injured his ankle on the next play and drive was ended when Williams' pass was picked off in the endzone by Bimbo Smith.

West Monroe dominated the second half, holding Ouachita to only three first downs. Early in the third quarter, back-up punter Mike Johnson's punt was blocked. Eddie Raborn picked up the loose ball and ran into the endzone untouched, giving Ouachita a 13-6 lead.

Later two back-to-back fumbles added another score for the Lions. After failing to mount a drive after recovering a Carl Robinson fumble, Ouachita recovered Mike Johnson's fumble on the Rebel 4, and McKoin slipped across the goal line for final score.

West Monroe had one strong drive in the fourth quarter. Starting from their own 43, the Rebels moved the ball to the Lions' 10 yard line, where Johnson was stripped of the ball and Barnes picked it up and ran for the score. The 95-yard ramble was called back on a clip, giving Ouachita possession.



**WEST MONROE**  
**OUACHITA**

**6**  
**19**

**TYRONE JACOBS MOVES** up field after receiving a hand-off from quarterback Jay Williams.





**EFFORTS SUCH AS THAT** of Todd Johnston, who flipped a Morgan City back, sent the then fourth ranked Tigers home with a 20-13 defeat.

Defense was the key for both teams as Ruston slipped by West Monroe 6-0 to put

<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RUSTON</b>	<b>6</b>

the Rebels at 2-6 for the year.

Both teams put on outstanding defensive performances. Together, the teams had a total of nine quarterback sacks and five fumbles. Despite losing, the Rebels shut down Ruston's explosive offense with an assortment of blitzes.

The game's only score came midway through the second quarter. Starting at their own 44, the Bearcats moved the ball down

the field to the 4-yard line where fullback Wayne Buggs crashed across the line for the score.

Each team was able to mount at least one strong drive in the first half. The Rebels' drive came after a Bearcat turnover. Quarterback Jay Williams hit wingback Kevin Kuhn for a 59-yard strike down to Ruston's 16. The Rebels got down to the 6 before tackle Jerome Dean pushed them back to the 10. On the next play, Gant fumbled on his only carry of the night.

From there the Bearcats came charging back. Fullback Marcus Young rushed Ruston out to the 22 where Childress hit Billy Taylor with a 26-yard bullet. The drive was stopped when Fred Bennett sacked Childress on a third and five play from the 42.

The Rebels offensive backs led the way as

**MIKE JOHNSON PUTS** another score on the board as he crosses the goal line against two Bastrop players.

Tailbacks Ronald Gant and Mike John-

<b>West Monroe</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Carroll</b>	<b>12</b>

son combined for a total of 217 yards rushing to give the Rebels a 13-0 lead after three quarters.

The first half was certainly a defensive struggle. The Bulldogs held Gant until he broke for 54 yards to the Carroll nine. Todd Johnston's three-yard score came four plays later. This was the only score in the first half.

West Monroe put together a 14-play, six-minute drive midway through the fourth quarter to give the Rebels a 13-0



WMHS defeated the Carroll Bulldogs, 13-12, in a barn-burner.

lead. Gant carried five straight times on the drive for 27 yards.

“The new practice and game uniforms make the players look good.  
Freddie Bennett”



“Having a full coaching staff helped football look good.  
Scott Coons”





**FREDDIE WATKINS TURNS** up field trying to gain yards before he is brought down by the Bastrop defense.

After the Rebels' TD, Carroll's sophomore quarterback Arthur Baker went to work. The quarterback hit Laurence Gipson for a 10-yard touchdown with 10:21 to play.

On the next series, Baker hit Orrin Greer for 28 yards to the Rebels 27, but overthrew a wide-open Greer in the endzone into the hands of Jim Herbet to give the Rebels the ball.

After a failed fourth down conversion on the Rebel 39, Carroll tried to drive again. But Baker was intercepted again at the Rebels' 14.

Carroll finally got into the endzone again on a 34-yard strike from Baker to Gipson. On the two point conversion, Todd Johnston knocked down Baker's pass to preserve the win.

The Rebels ended their season at 4-6 as they slipped by the Bastrop Rams in the season finale.

Bastrop jumped out to an early lead when Ricky Logan stepped in front of Jay Williams' pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. Jim Herbet blocked the PAT.

<b>WEST MONROE</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>BASTROP</b>	<b>12</b>

Bastrop added another six with 3:21 re-



maining in the half when Ricky Stokes weaved his way through the middle of the defense for 11 yards and a touchdown. The Rams tried for two but fell short.

The Rebels went 70 yards on five plays to pull within 5 with 1:23 left in the second quarter. On the second play the drive, interference was called against the Rams, which gave the Rebels a first and ten at the thirty.

On the next play Johnston and Gant ran a 22-yard option play to the 8. Two plays later, Gant bulled in from the five. Brad Bates added the extra point.

After a scoreless third period, West Monroe got a big break when Logan Aldridge recovered a Bastrop fumble at the Ram 35.

Mike Johnson, who had 101 yards on 25 carries, rambled for 26 yards to the eight. Gant took it in two plays later from the seven to close the scoring.

The best record in district was posted by the Jay Vees, who compiled an 8-2 tally.

After losing the jamboree, 12-2, against Wossman, the Rebels defeated Neville, 14-8, in the first game of the season. Billy Nugent made the first score for the Rebels with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown. Mike Murray added another touchdown with a 70-yard



(Row one) Scott Goons, Mike Aldridge, Vaughn Landry, Curtis Coleman, Dale Chelette, Kelly Frazier, Stanley Dupuy, Jim Murray, Brian Creery, Jim Douglas, Les Aulds, Todd Johnston, Glenn Russell, Logan Aldridge, Dong Sop Kim, Carl Robinson, Barry Ford, Walter Williams, Tom McCandlish, Lee Martin. (Row two) Mike Johnson, Jason Pleasant, Brad Bates, Kerry Shaw, Brett Cloyd, Charles Knox, Rodney McGowen, Carl Benson, Chuck Massey, Tim Coody, Stacey Martin,

Clark Cooper, Jim Herbet, Jay Ronner, Shawn Perkins, Jody Elmore, Jerry Brasher, David Williams, Luther Huffman, Billy Joe Lively, Eric Diffey, David McCormick. (Row three) Brock Snyder, Mike Latham, Brice Knight, Jay Williams, Mike Hendrix, Tyrone Jacobs, Delane Clark, Freddie Watkins, Ronald Gant, Bubba Edwards, Tracey Greer, Phil Hutson, Doug Garlington, Bart McMillian, Freddie Bennett, Scott Cupit, Garland Bowers, Kevin Kuhn, Greg Morris, Clyde Knox.

Opponent	Score	WMHS
Captain Shreve	21	7
Woodlawn	27	26
Richwood	6	40
Morgan City	13	20
Neville	34	13
Springhill	12	7
Ouachita	19	6
Ruston	6	0
Carroll	12	13
Bastrop	12	14



## Winning team had no 'superstars'

run.

West Monroe rolled over Bastrop 12-0, Carroll 26-0, Ouachita 28-0, and Wossman 27-6, before being stopped by Neville, 8-7, in a thriller.

But the Rebels came back, winning over Bastrop 28-6. Murray scored two touchdowns, while Johnny Collins and Mark Sikes added one each.

West Monroe then blanked Carroll for the second time, 13-0. Murray and Gary Aldrige made the touchdowns for the Rebels.

After taking a decisive 19-6 win over the Ouachita Lions, the Rebels were defeated in the final game of the season, 8-6, against the Wossman Wildcats.

"It was a success only if it will pay dividends in the next two years. If the players will retain their attitudes as juniors and seniors to give the varsity a winning season next year and the year after, it was a success," stated Coach Dan McClure, concerning the J. V. season as a whole.

Coach McClure commented that there

were no superstars. "There were 52 ball-players, the last was as good as the first and

they first as good as the last. To have an 8-2 season, they all had to do their part."



**SPLINTERING** the Ouachita line, Mike Murray bursts into the open for a big game.



**COACHES DAN MCCLURE** and Elvin Spears observe the progression of a play during a Rebel game.

"I enjoyed this group of youngsters and their parents. I felt like the support from everyone was tremendous," stated Dan McClure coach of the JV Football team. The JV finished their season with an 8-1 record.

Coach McClure said "to familiarize and indoctrinate the player with West Monroe and hope they would be Rebels in their junior and senior years." are the main

goals he set, and he feels that he has met those goals. His philosophy for coaching is to develop a player to his potential, letting him set goals, and attain those goals.

Coach McClure has had a chance to look at the players coming up and said they "look good" but added. "It will take an outstanding group of youngsters to be better academically and football-wise than the group I have just had."





#### JV Scoreboard

OPP.		OPP. WMHS
Neville	8	14
Bastrop	0	12
Carroll	0	26
Ouachita	0	28
Wossman	6	27
Neville	8	7
Bastrop	6	28
Carroll	0	13
Ouachita	6	19
Wossman	8	6



**JOHNNY COLLINS** avoids a Lion tackler in West Monroe's 19-6 win over Ouachita.

**A OUACHITA** runner is smothered by the Rebel's defensive line.



Row One- Bob Mitchell, Mike Womack, Donald Bordelon, Mark Sikes, Jake Parks, Keith O'Briant, Kenneth Brown, Larry Martin, Mike Smalling, Carlton Traweek, John Ellis, Todd Cummings, Johnny Ford, Todd Tatum, Chuck Martindale, Kevin Mobley, Andre Raford. Row Two- Stan McCandlish, Stephan Jennings, Rob Edwards, Terry Bostick, Lavelle Dickens, Reginald Davis, Kevin Calhoun, Robert Bordelon, Eric King, Billy Nugent, Phil Middleton, Sean Rogers, James Anderson, Les Dyke, Paul Littleberry, Gary Aldridge, Todd Eppinette, Tom Benton. Row Three- Kenny Guillot, Howard Thompson, Keith Wilbanks, Johnny Collins, Rex Rugg, Joey Pleasant, Joe Russel, William Winn, Robert Emory, David Wood, Donnell Woods Bubba Frantom, Gary Yarbrough, Kevin Tolar, Jimmy Roye, Byron Logan, Scott Foust, Mike Murray, Bill Feazel.



# Young and inexperienced Rebel cagers compile 13-5 record to enter district race

The '81-'82 edition of the Rebel Cagers started their non-district season with a loss to the Wossman Wildcats. The Rebels, young and inexperienced, were manhandled by the older Wildcats. The Rebs quickly regained their form to defeat the Caldwell Spartans in the Tournament of the Pines Invitational, before they return home to the "Pit" and again beat the Spartans of Caldwell for their second win of the season.

On the road during the Thanksgiving holidays, the Rebs beat the Southwood Cowboys and upped their record to 3-2. They returned home to wipe out the Lions of Plain Dealing to go 4-2 on the young

season.

The Rebels took to the road again, traveling to Houghton, for the Houghton Invitational Tournament, where they won, with two wins and one loss, gaining second place and upping their record to 6-3.

Home again. Rebs suffered an embarrassing loss to Richwood, only to rebound and win first place in the Caldwell Tournament, beating district foe Bastrop and beating Pineville, bringing their record to 8-4.

Before the annual News-Star-World Tournament, the Rebs defeated Caldwell for their ninth win of the season. The Rebels went into the News-Star-World only to be beaten by district foe Neville for the

second time of the season.

Rebels again rebounded from a loss to win three in a row, one of those against a tough Wossman Wildcat team. Rebs, on the road one more time before the start of district, beat Minden in overtime 58-56.

The Rebels' record going into district was 13-5. Rebs were led by two seniors, Ronald Gant and Stanley Woods, with 16 and 15 points per game, respectively.

The non-district season was vital to the Rebs to prepare them for what Coach Sidney Smith said, "The toughest district in the state." The "Pit Crew" played a large part in the Rebs' success and warmed up for the district season.



**GARY MANNING** sets up his defensive strategy to guard a pressing opponent.

**RICHARD TAYLOR** (24), senior, takes the ball down the court setting up for the play to come.

**LOFTING THE BALL**, over a defensive player, Stanley Woods (30), takes it in for two.







**RONALD GANT** (44), senior and leading scorer, jumps up to win the tipoff during the Plain Dealing game.



**GLENN LEWIS** stops the shot by no. 40 underneath by reaching for the ball.

**WITH INSTRUCTIONS** of offense and defense, Coach Sidney Smith prepares the Rebel Cagers for the beginning of the game with Plain Dealing.



# Snow forces postponement of district opener in Bastrop

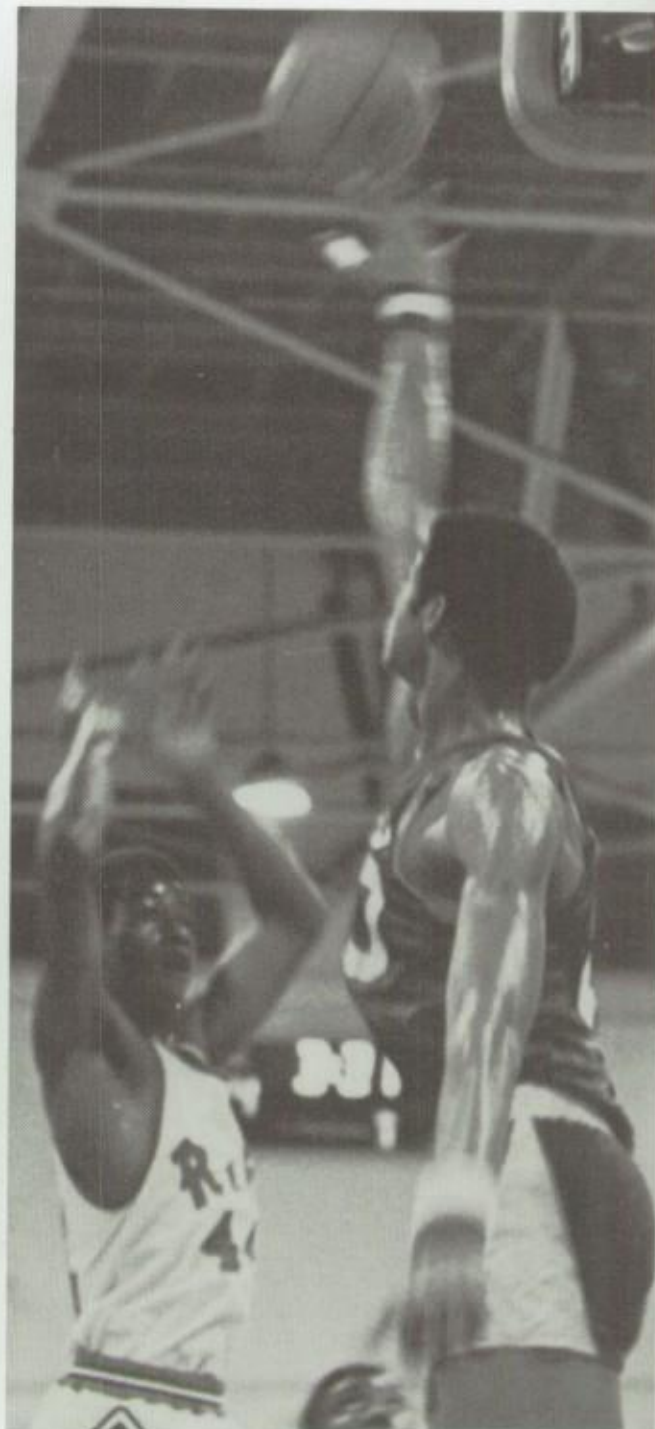
Snow, ice, and rain all combined to make this year's district 3-AAAA start one of the toughest in years, and the Rebels were definitely no exception. The Rebels, scheduled to play the Bastrop Rams at home, were instead forced to play the tough Ouachita Lions at Ouachita because of the postponing of the Bastrop game.

The Rebels, during the period of two weeks, had no games and practiced only

twice in preparation for what Coach Smith said was one of the toughest districts in the state. Due to the weather, practices were called off leaving the Rebels unprepared for the district opener against Ouachita. (continued on page 103)

**GANT LOFTS** a shot over the outstretched arm of 7 foot Benoit Benjamin of Carroll.

**IN THE LOSS** against Carroll, Ronald Gant drives to the basket.



## Five sophomores contribute to varsity basketball team

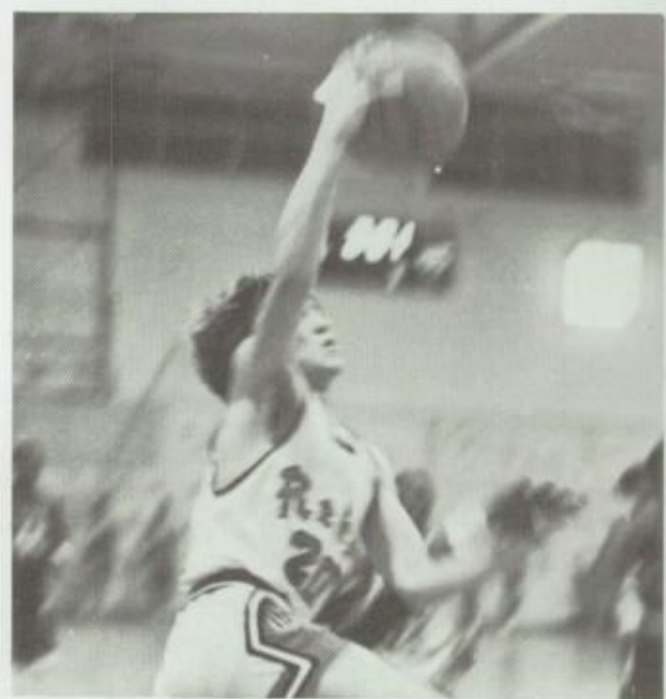
Paul O'Briant, sophomore, is one of the few people who, at his age, made the varsity basketball team. "I would like to feel proud of myself, but the credit goes to the good Lord and to the three coaches who have helped me so much this year," commented Paul.

Paul has been playing competitive ball since he was in the fifth grade, but he has been a competitor in non-competitive ball since the third grade. He doesn't feel that he practices more than the other players on the squad.

"The team always encourages me and the other young guys, and they never tease and pick on us. My friends treat me just like another smiling face and they don't treat me like a 'Big-shot' and I respect them for that," he explained.

Even though he isn't a starter, Paul, who plays point guard, made the varsity squad following tryouts in November.

Other sophomore members of the varsity team are Butch Johnson, Darrion Branson, Terry Manning, and Freeman Williams.



**SOPHOMORE PAUL O'BRIANT** tries for two on a fast break,





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The Rebels came out on the short end of their first district game. The Lions came out with an explosive offense and tenacious defense. While the Rebels came out cold in what proved to be a one sided affair.

"I'm not making any excuses," said Coach Smith, "but the lay out just killed us. We looked like we hadn't played basketball in a year. We weren't prepared for the Lions."

After the tough luck experienced at Ouachita, the Rebels expected to put losing behind them. But they didn't expect Big Ben, Carroll's dominating 7-foot center, to hit town and lead the Bulldogs to an impressive 70-47 route.

More disappointment followed as Neville showed them their 3rd straight district loss.

**RONALD GANT**, against the highly touted "Big Ben" of Carroll, matches him hand-for-hand in a tip off.

**WHILE JARRING** the ball lose from a Ruston player, Gant nearly knocks the ball into the photographer.

**TWO REBS ARE** better than one when using the full court press as shown here by Paul O'Briant and Darrion Branson.



“I see a lot of determination.”  
Carl Robinson



“We've got some good players.”  
Ronald Gant





**USING HIS** dribbling skills, Taylor avoids a **BECAUSE A** charging foul, this drive to the basket by Ronald Gant was nullified.



**WOODS DOES** his best to get away from a Ouachita player.

## Varsity Scoreboard

US	THEM	
49	60	Wossman
63	47	Caldwell
49	57	Neville
91	61	Caldwell
76	56	Southwood
95	75	Plain Dealing
59	50	Bossier
57	53	Minden
52	62	Haughton
65	100	Richwood
61	57	Bastrop
62	52	Pineville
79	66	Caldwell
52	67	Neville
43	41	Jonewboro
84	58	Minden
59	54	Wossman
58	56	Minden
47	75	Ouachita
47	70	Carroll
63	72	Neville
70	61	Ruston
54	61	Bastrop
40	48	Ouachita
50	89	Carroll
61	65	Neville
66	66	Ruston

“We always played hard at every game, even though we lost some.”

Stanley Woods







## '81 district play

The Rebs got on the winning track behind guard Richard Taylor's 20-point performance to down the Bearcats from Ruston, 70-61.

Standing at 1 and 3 in the district, the Rebs traveled to Bastrop to take on the Rams. This proved to be the Rebs 4th district loss, coming up short 54-61.

Next Ouachita paid a visit to W.M. gymnasium, setting up the second showdown between the two teams. The Lions prevailed taking the Rebs, 48-40 in one of the tougher fought contests of the season.

Looking for second district win, WM traveled to the much-dreaded Carroll gym. The Bulldogs trounced the Rebels, 89-50, behind Benoit Benjamin's 28 points.

Taming the Tigers showed to be too much of a task for the Rebs as Neville squeaked out 65 to 61 victory over their tough West Monroe opponents.

The total record compiled during the season was 14 wins and 12 losses. The Rebs couldn't seem to get on the right track during district after a fairly good non-district season.

"We're a young ball club, and we lost some close games that we could have won," said head coach Sidney Smith. "I am very pleased with the kids and their determination and hustle. But I am most-

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**SOPHOMORE DARRION** Branson goes over three Ouachita players to bring down the rebound.



**IN ITS SECOND** year, the Pit Crew encourages Rebel Cagers at both home and away games.

## Pit Crew members regularly attend games at home, away

Going into its second year, the Pit Crew added incentive for student attendance at basketball games. The Crew consisted of more than 50 enthusiastic students who regularly attended each home game and most away games, especially district foes, Neville and Ouachita.

Not only is the Pit Crew verbally together but also almost everyone in the Crew has matching light blue tee-shirts printed by West Monroe Sports Center.

The Crew, composed mostly of boys, supported the team by cheering along with the cheerleaders and making up their own chants. Organized by Coach Sidney Smith, the Crew sat behind the Rebels' bench next to the Rebelettes.

"The Crew creates student interest and supports the team," said junior Jay Mitchell, "charter member" of the Pit Crew. "It's awesome."



**WOODS GETS** past a Ouachita Player to Get under the goal for a easy layup.

**OUT JUMPING** two Ouachita players, senior Ronald Grant tries to keep the team close.

**WOODS LOOKS** for some help as he is guarded closely by a Ouchita player.

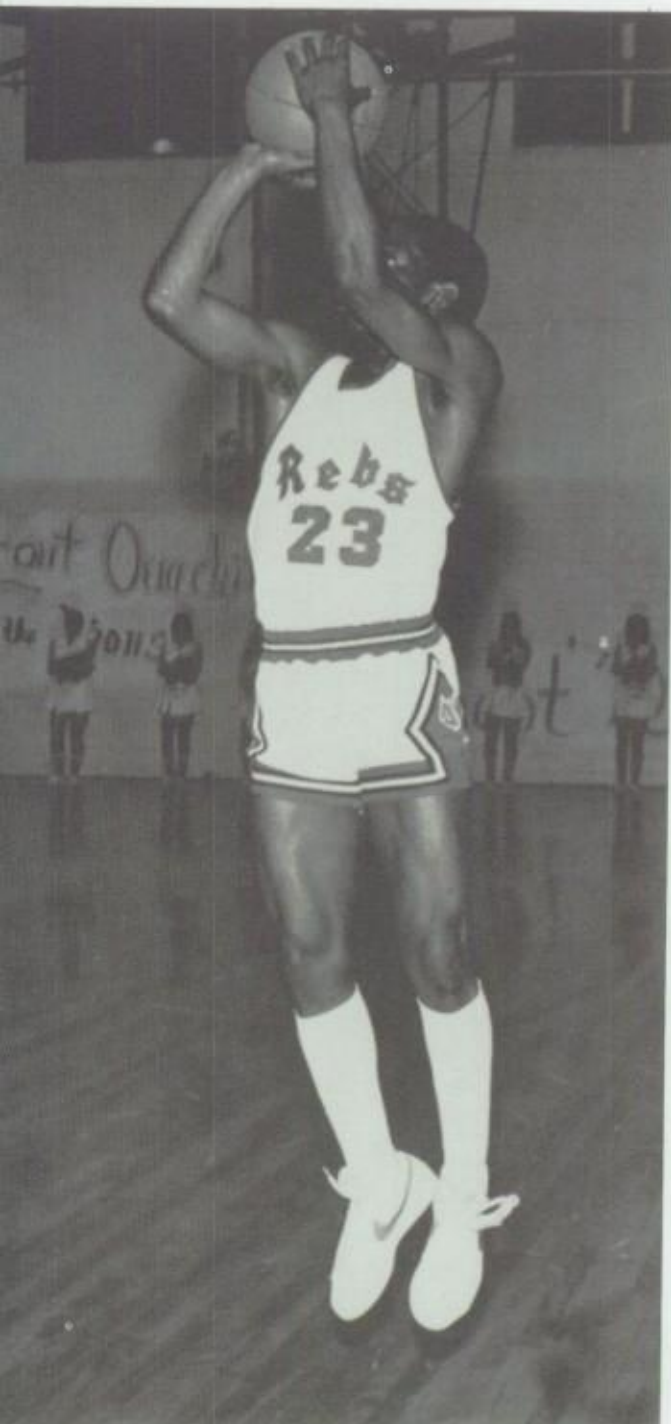


“ We are a team with pride and we work together. ”  
Darrion Branson



“ I like the good young sophomores. ”  
Allen Cox





# '81 district play, Jay Vee, & Sophomore squad

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ly pleased with the support the student body gives us," he added.

The Rebel JV team had quite a bit

## Junior Varsity review

more success. The young Cagers were 13-7 overall with 7-3 record in the district.

"We were at a disadvantage because we had to rest most of our starters because they played on varsity, too," stated head Coach Mike Reed. "We had a very young team."

Of the seven players on the team, six were sophomores and only one was a junior.

**JUNIOR GARY** Manning shoots for two of his usually many points in a game.

**WOODS GOES** for a layup in the loss against Ouachita.

## Sophomore review

The sophomore team led by Coach Sidney Smith, and assisted by WMJH Coach Phil Kiefenheim went undefeated on the season with a record of 10-0.

According to Coach Smith, "This is the best bunch of sophomores I've worked with."

A few of the J.V. players played on the varsity team which meant that some sophomores had to play on J.V.

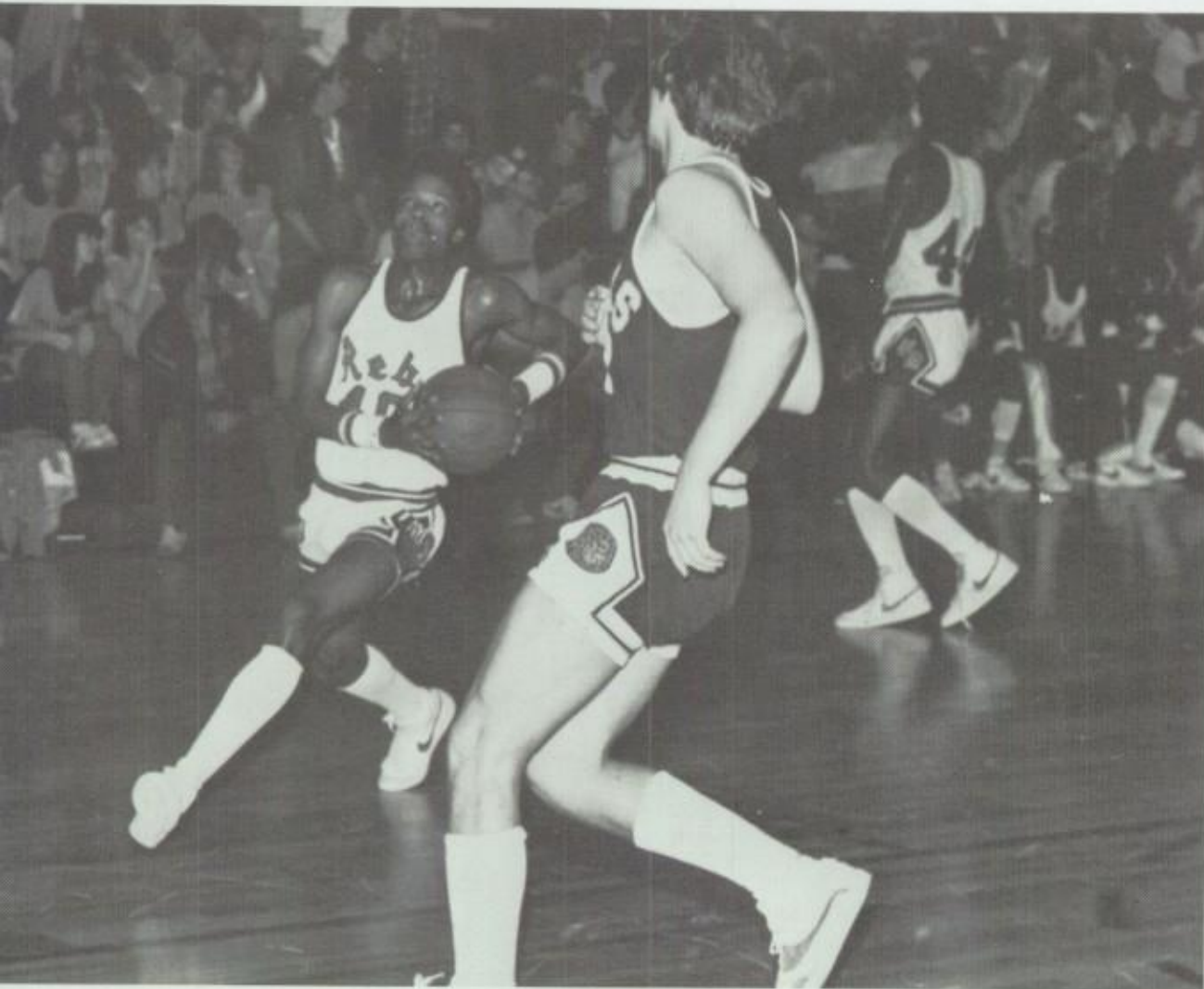
"We learn that even though we were a young team, we could play with the big boys."

Paul O'Briant



## JV Scoreboard

WM	Opponent
40	51 Wossman
64	54 Plain Dealing
59	48 Richwood
60	21 Jena
56	50 Neville
50	52 Wossman
40	42 Caldwell
43	36 Jonesboro
51	45 Minden
48	54 Minden
53	37 Ouachita
23	41 Carroll
63	79 Neville
52	46 Ruston
56	58 Bastrop
35	31 Ouachita
54	50 Carroll
50	49 Neville
	Ruston





# Wins were hard-fought for Lady Rebs

The Lady Rebel basketball team had a tough time pulling out wins against their opponents.

"Even though we didn't have a wonderful season this year, I'm looking forward to next year," said Coach Carla Barham, a newcomer to the WMHS staff.

"It takes time and experience to have a good ball team, and I'm hoping to have one in the coming years," she said.

The Lady Rebs began their season with two quick wins before losing the next six. The first win came against LaSalle, as Carol Lofton led the way with 13 points, while Faith Smith added 10 points to give the Lady Rebs their 48-41 victory.

Against Tioga, the girls pulled out a close one by winning 41-37. Smith took the scoring honors, while Rhonda Scharf added 12 and Lofton put in 11.

Games didn't go so well for the Lady Rebs in the next few weeks. Against Caldwell, WMHS was trounced by a bigger and more

experienced team, 66-39. Lofton led the team scoring with 17 points. Against Minden, Lofton and Scharf combined for 33

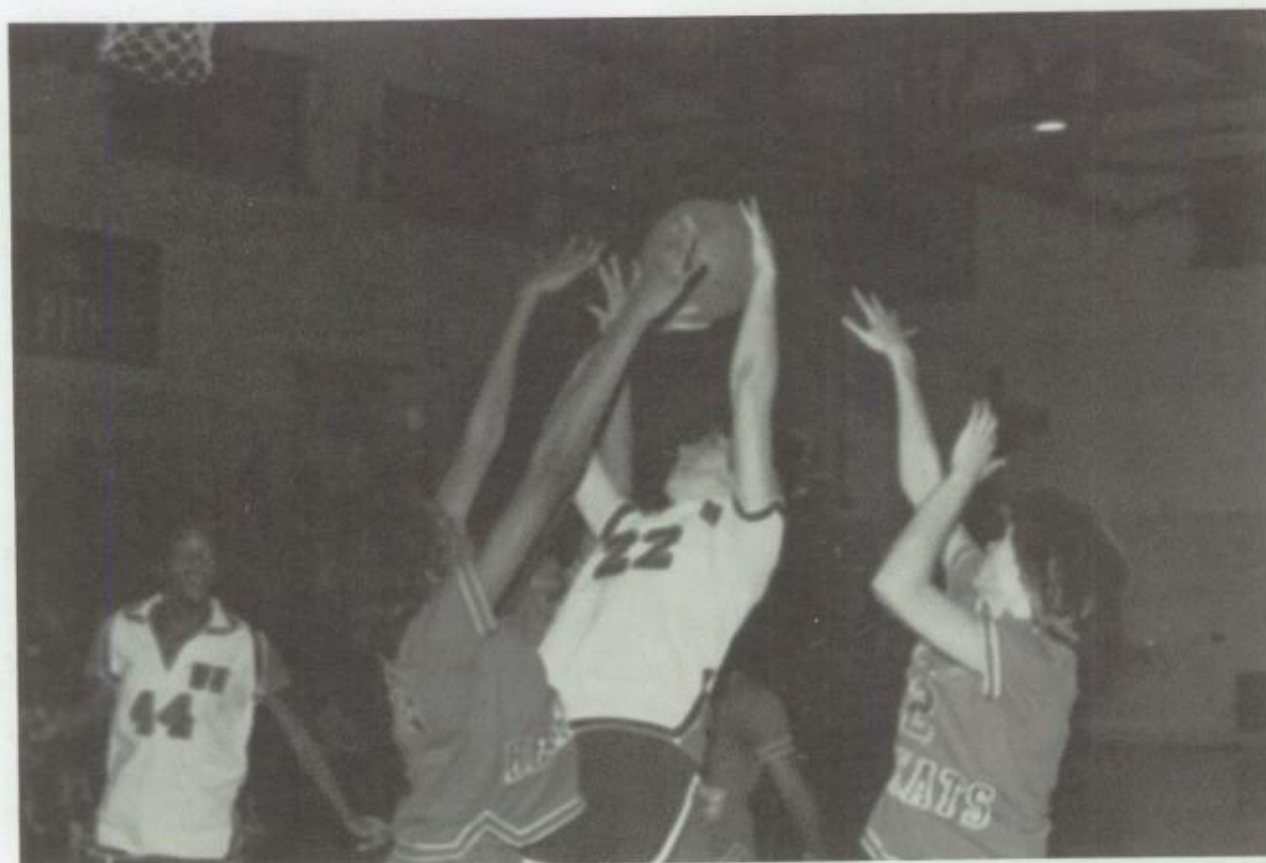
points, but that wasn't enough as Minden was victorious, 58-49.

Lofton was again high scorer against Jena

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**SENIOR LADY REBEL** Jan Toms and Rhonda Scharf work the offense.



**AMID RUSTON BEARCAT** defenders, Gaye Arrant attempts a shot under the basket in the Rebel gym.

**AS RHONDA SCHARF** shoots a jumper, Cindy Gist (50) and Gaye Arrant (22) set up for a rebound against Carroll.







**WITHOUT A CLEAR SHOT HERSELF,** Rhonda Scharf looks for a team mate to pass the basketball to.

**DRIVING DOWN THE BASELINE,** Gaye Arrant shoots for two.



## Manager considered part of team

Saying she doesn't play basketball "good enough" to be on the Lady Rebels basketball team, Ginger Knox has become actively involved as team manager.

Considered by Coach Barham as "basically one of the team members," Ginger must not only be prepared before the games but also must check after the team is through to make sure that nothing has been left behind.

Before practice, Ginger is expected

to have basketballs, scrimmage suits, and equipment ready for the players. Before basketballs, water bottles, and medicine kit ready to go.

After practice, Ginger puts equipment back before locking up. For away games, she insures that all equipment is stored on the bus and that nothing is left behind.

"Ginger works hard and gives a lot of time to us. We really appreciate her," commented Coach Barham.

**SURROUNDED BY CARROLL DEFENDERS,** Gaye Arrant takes a jump shot.



**RHONDA SCHARF SHOVELS** a pass inside, as Jan Toms looks on.

**POINTING TO WHERE** she intends to put the ball, Gaye Arrant battles with opponents.

**CINDY GIST BATTLES** underneath for an offensive rebound.

**FAITH SMITH** drives down the lane for the roll-in layup.



“She’s a great coach and gives 100 percent to make the lady Rebels look good.”

Faith Smith



“We’re lookin’ good because of Coach B and the way she keeps us together as a team. We are all a lot closer.”

Jan Toms







**STRETCHED BEYOND THE GRASP** of her opposition, Rhonda Scharf maneuvers closer to the goal for a jump shot.



**OVER HER RUSTON OPPONENTS,** Gaye Arrant drives for position on her home court.

## Lady Rebels

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with 17 points, but the Rebs were defeated, 46-41.

The girls suffered another setback as Peabody downed the Lady Rebs, 60-41, for the fourth consecutive loss.

The girls lost two more, one to Richwood, 51-47, and another to Peabody, 47-28, before posting their third victory, this one against Richwood, 42-41.

The girls lost their next games, 35-28 against Newelton, and a close 31-30 against Jonesboro-Hodge. A 35-21 win

over Hunnington gave the Lady Rebs their fourth season victory.

A 46-24 loss to Jonesboro-Hodge was followed by a 43-39 win over Minden to wind up non-district play.

Relying on the experience of their seniors, the Lady Rebs entered the district race in a game against Ouachita. The regularly scheduled district opener against Bastrop had to be cancelled because of the snow and ice.

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**IN A DISTRICT GAME** with Carroll at Carroll, Rhonda Scharf looks for an open team mate, as Gaye Arrant moves down underneath the goal to signal Scharf.



**GUARD JAN TOMS** ings the ball down to set up the Reb offense against Mi-ings the ball down to set up the Reb offense against Minden in the Rebel gym.



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Following the loss of Carol Lofton, the team depended on help from other returning starters from last year's state runner-up team. Seniors whose experience was used to benefit the team included Gaye Arrant, Jan Toms, Faith Smith, and Rhonda Scharf. Aiding to the Rebel effort were 5 sophomores on the varsity squad.

In their district opener, the girls were defeated by the Lady Lions of Ouachita, 32-38. Scharf scored 10 points in the game to lead Rebel scorers.

The Lady Rebels were unable to muster a single district win. Following their loss to Ouachita, the girls were defeated 46-34 by Carroll, 50-26 by Ruston, a close 56-55 by Bastrop, 35-30 by Ouachita, and 50-22 by Carroll to finish out the season.

**JUST OVER THE HAND** of a Carroll defender to block her shot, Rhonda Scharf gets off a jump shot as Jan Toms and Gaye Arrant move in for the rebound.





**AS SHE LOOKS** for an open team mate, Faith Smith jumps above the Carroll defenders.

**CINDY GIST** pushes her way past defenders to take a shot as Gaye Arrant prepares to rebound.



“For me, this year with the Lady Rebels was one for experience and improvement.”

Cindy Gist



### Scoreboard

US	THEM
48	41 LaSalle
41	37 Tioga
39	66 Caldwell
49	58 Minden
31	46 Jena
41	60 Peabody
47	51 Richwood
28	47 Peabody
42	41 Richwood
28	35 Newelton
30	31 Jonesboro
35	21 Hunnington
24	46 Jonesboro
43	39 Minden
28	32 Ouachita
34	46 Carroll
26	50 Ruston
55	56 Bastrop
30	35 Ouachita
22	50 Carroll



## Sophs feel privileged to be on team

Among the twelve members on the Lady Rebels varsity, five are sophomores. Most of these younger Lady Rebs felt that being on the varsity team was a privilege. “I feel pretty lucky, considering I was chosen to play varsity by a coach like Coach Barham,” said Cindy Gist.

Some sophomores felt that they have had to work harder for a place on the team but felt it was all worth it. “I may not get to

play that much but it is a privilege,” was Ann Gray’s reaction. “I just feel lucky to be wearing the uniform.”

The older members of the varsity treat the sophomores just about how they treat everyone else. “Lot’s of times the older members pick around with us but it’s all in fun,” according to Cindy Gist. As Brenda Rutlege puts it, “We’re all a team and equal on the court.”



**ONE OF FIVE SOPHOMORES** on the varsity squad, Sharon Clay jumps to shoot against Ruston.



# It's all about winning — district, that is

*"Winning the district title is what it's all about," commented John Shannon, a senior on the Cross-Country team.*

*And it is, with the West Monroe High School Cross-Country teams capturing its 18th district title in the last 19 years. During the year the runners showed the strength of their physical abilities as well as their mental abilities, while running against such schools as Ruston and Bastrop. The team lost only one meet during the year and placed first in the overall point standings in each of the remaining meets.*

*What does one's mental ability have with*

*running in a cross-country meet? When the pain of endurance becomes so great that one would like to stop and rest, one has to say to himself. 'I have to finish because if I quit now I may lose not only for myself but for the team and school as well.*

*The top runners in each grade are James Kuhn and Kent McKay, seniors; Nicky Waugh and Jeff Hislop, juniors; and Robert Shannon, sophomore. Other contributors to the team efforts are Chet Chiles, Brad Spivey, Craig Spivey, Todd Rogers, Sam Bourland, John Shannon, Rodney Farr, and Coach Jack Williams.*



**AS HE DRAWS** near the start/finish line, James Kuhn shows the strains of a CrossCountry meet.

**JEFF 'ED' HISLOP** is congratulated by Jim Douglas at the completion of a successful meet.

*"We have worked hard all year, but sometimes we didn't come out and run as hard as we should have."*



*"Although this is my first year to run Cross-Country, I have learned a lot of things about competition in high school sports."*

*Todd Rogers*







"Everyone got along with each other and worked together to win the district title this year."  
Chet Chiles



**PRIOR TO DAILY** practice as well as in meets, Rodney Farr stretches himself so he will not pull muscles while he is running.

**ROBERT SHANNON** and Chet Chiles speed toward the finish line as the end of the race draws near.



WMHS	Bastrop	Ruston	
24	66	51	
26	60	40	
28	43	56	
20			St. Fredericks
			40
43	66	41	Minden
			42



Nicky Waugh, the leading junior runner, uses Coach Jack's pickup truck to aid him in stretching his leg muscles and to loosen his body up so the tension will not make him so tired after the meet. Kent McKay gives Nicky some assistance.



# Varsity baseball team will be inexperienced

Going into the 1982 season the West Monroe varsity baseball team will be very inexperienced. There will be only 6 returning lettermen, three of whom were starters.

The biggest problem will be pitching, since the team lost four senior pitchers, who together had a total record of 14-3. Along with the pitchers, the team lost the three starting outfielders, a starting shortstop and first baseman.

"There will be eight players that have never played high school baseball," said Coach Dan McClure.

Since Ruston has joined the district this year, there will be more district games and will be much tougher on the team.

Coach McClure anticipated that the teams to "look out for" would be Ouachita and Neville. Both teams were expected to have several returning starters which would give them the advantage of experience.

"We might not have the best team in the district on paper but we are going out with the intention of winning," said Coach McClure.



## Two sophs return to lead golf team

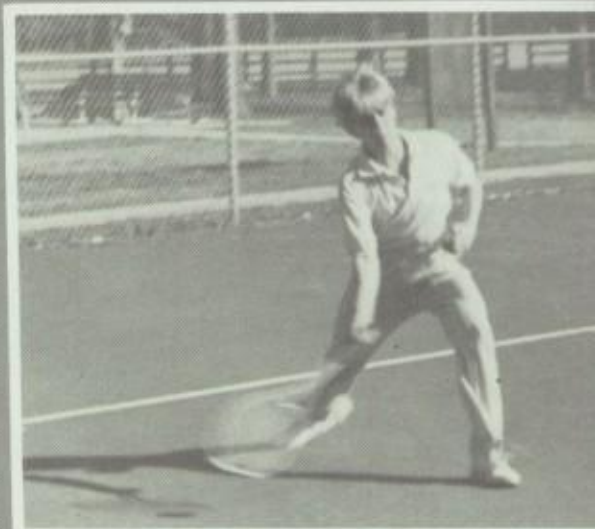
by Stacy Sullivan

Replacing Coach John Causey as golf coach this year will be Coach Sidney Smith. This will be his first time to lead a golf team, since his prior experience has been with basketball.

The team should participate in six to eight matches this season, including three in Monroe. All of the district coaches had a meeting at the beginning of the season to decide on the number and frequency of all matches.

Returning to lead the team are two sophomores, Chris LeBrun and Tim Nelson.

The people expected to try out for the team this season will be Cliff Chamblee, who is the only senior, Hank Thurston, and Todd Little, both sophomores.



**DARREN STEWART**, one of the top players practices hitting forehand while Mrs. Judy McIntosh, who is helping coach the team, watches a February practice.







**MIKE JOHNSON** dives for a ground ball during a pre-season practice.

# Softball coach expects team to win district

By Dana McIntosh

The West Monroe tennis team started its season March 1 with a match against Neville. The team consisted of 10 boys and 10 girls chosen on their fundamental movements, attitude, and personality.

The team was chosen by Lynn Mercer, an area pro. Mercer has worked with the team in previous years and is currently teaching private lessons.

Mercer feels the girls will have a strong team with a chance to win district and the boys will have a good team.

Commenting on the game of tennis, Mercer said, "It only takes two people to

play tennis, and unlike most sports, one can compete in the game for the rest of one's life."

Girls expected on the team included Missy Tatum, Dana McIntosh, Carolyn Bennett, Tracy Hamel, Kim Hammons, Vicki Mason, Khristy Ramsey, Laurie Ochs, and Pam Weems.

Expected on the boys team were Darren Stewart, Jeff Raper, Rodney Farr, David Curry, Derrick Holman, Ronnie Williams, Joey Deloach, Jay Mitchell, and Chuck Massey.



**JULIE LATHAM**, Lynn Socha, Dewanna Shatzer, Tammy Murphy, Karen Williams, Susan Wilson, and

Ann Gray go over the softball schedule with Mr. Truett Thorn.

## Tennis team begins season against Neville

by Dana McIntosh

The '82 Lady Rebels softball team expects to win district this year as considered by Coach Truett Thorn. "I believe we're going to win district, and if we don't it's the coach's fault."

The toughest district competition this year is coming from Ouachita and newcomer, Ruston, he said.

The team's main strength will be returning starters Claudia Roberts and Julie Latham, both pitchers. Mr. Thorn said Claudia will be a college prospect.

More help will be coming from other returning starters Joellen Spurgeon at first base and center fielder Denise Deal. The two best hitters on the team are Karen Williams and Lynn Socha. Sophomore Tammy Murphy is also a "fine infielder," said the coach.



**READY FOR THE 1982 track season** which began with an indoor track meet Feb. 13 are Coaches Jack Williams, Karla Barham, and Elvin Spears.

**MELVIN JACKSON, Carl Robinson, Kent McKay, and Kevin Kuhn, compete for the Rebel thinclads as sprinters and quarter-milers.**

**DAVID JOHNSON, John Shannon, Jeff Hislop, James Kuhn, Kent McKay, Nicky Waugh, and Chet Chiles. compose the Cross Country team.**



Most performers  
from '81 season  
will be returning

"The 1982 team will be one of the favorites with most of the 1981 returning performers," commented Coach Jack Williams.

The strongest points on the team will be Ronald Gant in the high jump, triple jump, shot-put, and long jump, along with Freddie Watkins in the long jump and triple jump. The strongest runners should prove to be Nicky Waugh in the mile, Kevin Kuhn in the 400-meter, and Melvin Jackson in the 200-meter.

"The weaknesses on the 1982 boys track team will be the discus and pole vault," explained Coach Jack. "There should be a good battle between Neville, Bastrop, and West Monroe, so the district meets should

be tight," Coach Jack said.

The girls track team for the 1982 season looks very promising also, with six girls returning. The six returning will be Cathy Bamburg, Kim Davis, Kim Bennett, Bridgett Robinson, Sarah Ross, and Beverly Hicks.

"The loss of Lisa Owens will hurt our points, but we should have good depth as last year," commented Coach Andy Long.

Some of the stronger competitors will be Cathy Bamburg in the 800-meter and mile relay, Bridgett Robinson, Sarah Ross and Beverly Hicks in the 400 and 800-meter relays. Kim Davis should prove to be good in the high jump.





**DISTANCE RUNNERS** are Cathy Bamburg, Terri Jones, Sherita Mennyfield, Penny Cash, April Bounds, and Donna McClendon.

**FREDDIE WATKINS** practices for a very important track meet, his events are the long jump and triple jump.

**THE WHOLE track team** consists of April Bounds, Cathy Bamburg, Yolanda Blueford, Bridget Robinson, Marcia Mennyweather, Sharon Honeycutt, Leslie Underwood, Kim Davis, Penny Cash (top), Donna McClendon, Terri Jones, Shara Ross, Kim Bennett, D.D. McClendon, Frosty Franks, Mona Reed, and Sherita Mennyfield.



**THE SPRINTERS** are (top) Yolanda Blueford, Bridget Robinson, Marcia Mennyweather, Sharon Honeycutt, and Leslie Underwood. The bottom row is Shara Ross, Kim Bennett, D.D. McClendon, and Frosty Franks.





# FACES

*Mr. and Miss WMHS  
Who's Who  
Seniors  
Juniors  
Sophomores  
Administration  
Support Personnel  
Faculty  
Staff  
Dedication*







*AFTER THE singing of the Alma Mater, Seniors Beth McGhee and Connie Hernandez urge the Rebels on to victory.*

*STUDENTS GATHER during concession break to answer a dating survey for the Rebelaire.*

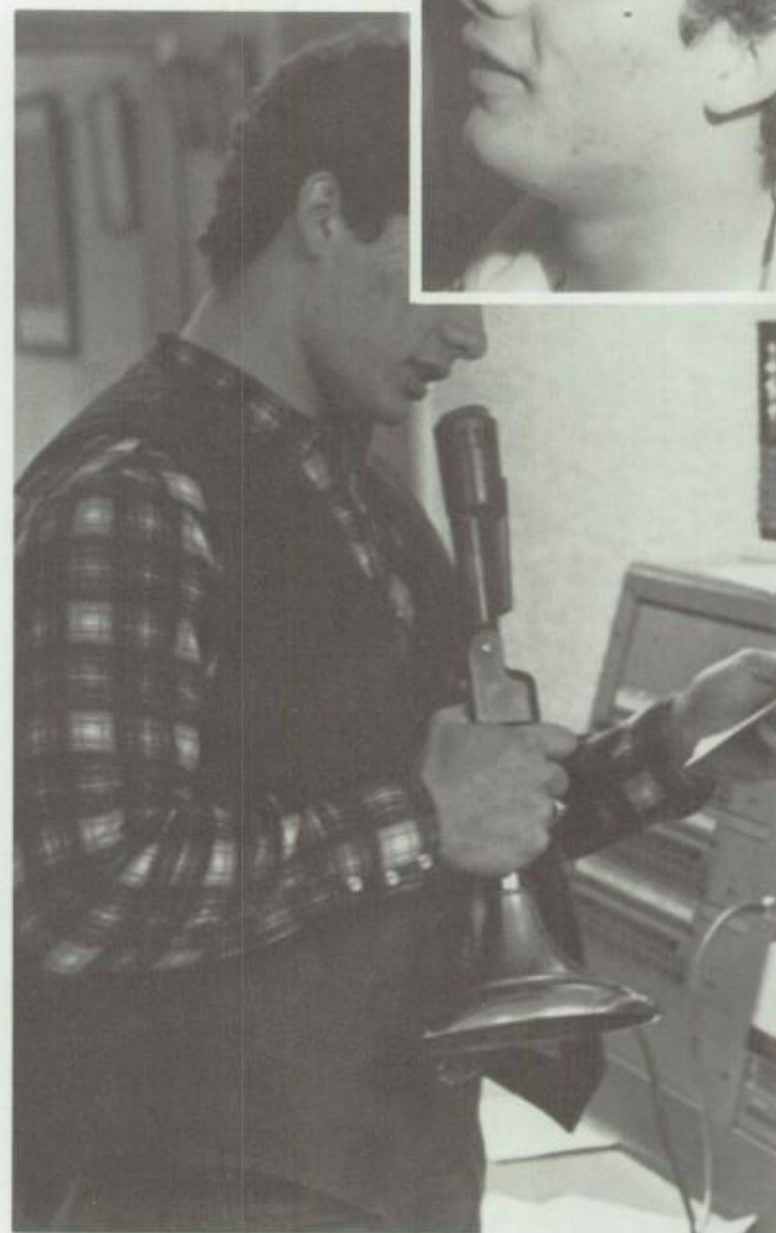


*TERESA JONES uses a post as a prop to relax during lunch break.*



# Mr. and Miss WMHS

**RODNEY MCGOWEN** is known to virtually every student at WMHS, thanks to his morning announcements as Student Council president, an office to which he was elected as both junior and senior. Rodney has been an Interact officer for two years, a member of Rebel Choir for two years, Ensemble for one year, a Thespian Troupe #442 officer for two years, and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for two years. An active Thespian, Rodney has been cast in five plays at WMHS, including the lead male role of Tony in "West Side Story" during his senior year. In the plays in which he did not appear on stage, he was busy working backstage. Rodney has also been seen on the football field during his three years here, one year as a junior varsity player and two years as a varsity player, where he lettered both years. Outside of his school activities, Rodney is active in 4-H, serving this year as state 4-H president, after having been state parliamentarian and Ouachita Parish 4-H junior leader and president for two years.



## Who's Who

**LOGAN ALDRIDGE** is a three-year member of Rebel Choir, Interact, and varsity football squad. He has two-year memberships in FCS and FCA, while serving as vice president of National Honor Society in his senior year. Logan has been recognized as defensive player of the week, second team all-district, and honorable mention in all northeast Louisiana, in addition to earning the scholarship and leadership awards.

**JOHN BARKER** is a two-year member of the debate team of the Theatre-Forensics Squad, serving as debate captain this year. A three-year member of Thespian Troupe #442, John was a delegate to Boys' State. He is secretary of FBLA and was recipient of a speed reading scholarship.







**CAROLE SMITH** has been an active member of clubs and activities during her high school career. For three years, she has been a class representative, making her a member of the Student Council. Also for three years, she has been on the homecoming court, first as a sophomore maid, then as Maid of Honor while representing the Junior Class, and finally, as Homecoming Queen in her senior year. Carole has served this year as secretary-treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Students, vice president of Anchor Club, chaplain of National Honor Society, and treasurer of Interact Club. Carole, who was head junior varsity cheerleader, was elected as the assistant head varsity cheerleader this year.



**BRETT CLOYD** is a three-year member of both Rebel Choir and Interact Club. He has been in Ensemble for two years, as well as having been cast in two school musicals, "West Side Story" and "Calamity Jane." Brett played varsity football for two years. He has memberships in 4-H, FCA, and FCS, as well as being a Senior Class representative.

**STANLEY DUPUY**, who has been class president each of this three years in high school, is also president of Octagon, having been a member since he was a sophomore. He is an admiral for Anchor Club and a member of National Honor Society, as well as vice president of Interclub Council. Stanley played both junior varsity and varsity football.



**TRACYE FEWELL** has served as Student Council parliamentarian, Octagon Club vice president, Y-Teens president, and Anchor Club secretary during her senior year, in addition to being president of the Monroe district of Y-Teen Clubs. A delegate to Girls' State, Tracye worked on the staff of the 1982 Rebeaire and was member of FHA and FCS.

**KIM FURLOW** was head drum major for the 1981-82 marching Rebel Band, having previously been a member of Rebel Band. Kim began actively participating in plays as a sophomore, having membership in Thespian Troupe #442. Among her acting credits are the lead roles in "Bull in a China Shop" and "Wait Until Dark," and roles in "Bye Bye Birdie" and "West Side Story."

**KELLY FRAZIER**, senior director of Octagon Club, has played varsity baseball for the last two years. During his sophomore and junior years, Kelly was a member of the junior varsity football squad, and during his senior year, he played on the varsity team. He was elected as an Anchor Club admiral in his senior year and has been an active member of FCA and FCS.

**LORI GATES**, varsity cheerleader and three-year class representative on the homecoming court, is a Senior Class representative, having been a Junior Class representative and Sophomore Class secretary. A two-year member of FCS and Interact, Lori is also a member of Anchor Club and National Honor Society.

**JODI GILES** has been treasurer of the Student Council in her senior year, as well as completing her second year of membership in Octagon Club. An active member of Anchor Club, FBLA, and FCS, Jodi was a representative of the Student Council to Texas Christian University and to a convention in Little Rock.

**SCOT MARTIN**, president of National Honor Society, has been a trainer for the varsity football team throughout high school. As a senior, he was an Anchor Club admiral, and a member of FCA, FCS, and Interclub Council. Also as a senior, Scot was cast in "West Side Story."

**PATRICIA MERCER**, editor of the 1982 Rebeaire, is a three-year member of Student Council, having been elected as secretary in both her junior and senior years. She has a sophomore representative on the Student Council also. In addition, Patricia served as secretary of National Honor Society and was a three-year member of Octagon Club. She also had memberships in Quill and Scroll, FCS, and Anchor Club.

**PENNY MIDDLETON** has been secretary of the Senior Class and treasurer of her sophomore and junior classes. Varsity head cheerleader and two-year representative on the homecoming court. Penny is a member of FCS, Foreign Language Club, Interact, National Honor Society, and Interclub Council.







**CATHY RAMSEY** is a member of Rebel Choir and Ensemble, as well as serving as senior director for Octagon Club and Senior Class representative. A junior varsity and varsity cheerleader, Cathy was also a member of Anchor Club and FCS.



**MISSY TATUM**, vice president of the Senior Class, was a two-year member of Anchor Club, serving as treasurer, a three-year member of Interact, and member of the National Honor Society. Having won state mixed doubled as sophomore, she was a member of the tennis team. Missy was on the homecoming court as a junior and senior.



**ASHLEY TITUS** was co-captain of the Rebel Raiders in her senior year, having been a member of the Raiders as a junior. Ashley was a three-year member of Interact and Anchor Clubs, as well as having had memberships in Y-Teen, French Club, and Rebelettes.



**BLAKE WHEELIS** has been a member of Interact, Rebel Choir, and FCS for three years, this year serving as FCS vice president. For two years he has been a member of Thespian Troupe #442 and Ensemble. President of Interclub Council, Blake is a member of National Honor Society and an admiral for Anchor Club, as well as vice president of Student Council.



**MYLA WILHITE** is a two-year member of Interact and Fellowship of Christian Students. A Rebel Raider in her junior year, Myla was in Rebelettes as a sophomore. During her senior year, she was a member of Anchor Club and National Honor Society.



**JAY WILLIAMS**, a member of National Honor Society, Interact, FCA, and FCS, was a mid-term graduate. Jay was a member of the varsity football team in both his sophomore and senior years, as well as running track during those two years. As a freshman and sophomore, Jay was a member of the Cross Country team.



**RENEE WILLIS** was a two-year member of Art Club, serving as secretary-treasurer in her sophomore year. Also a two-year member of Thespian Troupe #442 and FCS, Renee was an illustrator and typist for the Rebel Dispatch in her senior year. She was in Quill and Scroll, as well as being in "Wait Until Dark" and "West Side Story" in her senior year.



# FOCUS

ELECTED DURING their junior year to lead the seniors of '82 are Penny Middleton, Stacey Dupuy, Stanley Dupuy, Renee' Barnes, Lori Gates, Carole Smith, Missy Tatum, and Brett Cloyd.



## Class of 1982 will graduate on a Saturday

Unusual circumstances at the Monroe Civic Center altered the traditional Thursday schedule for graduation for the Class of '82, so ceremonies were scheduled for Sunday, May 23.

Later, the Civic Center revised its schedule because of a cancellation, allowing graduation ceremonies to be rescheduled for Saturday, May 22.

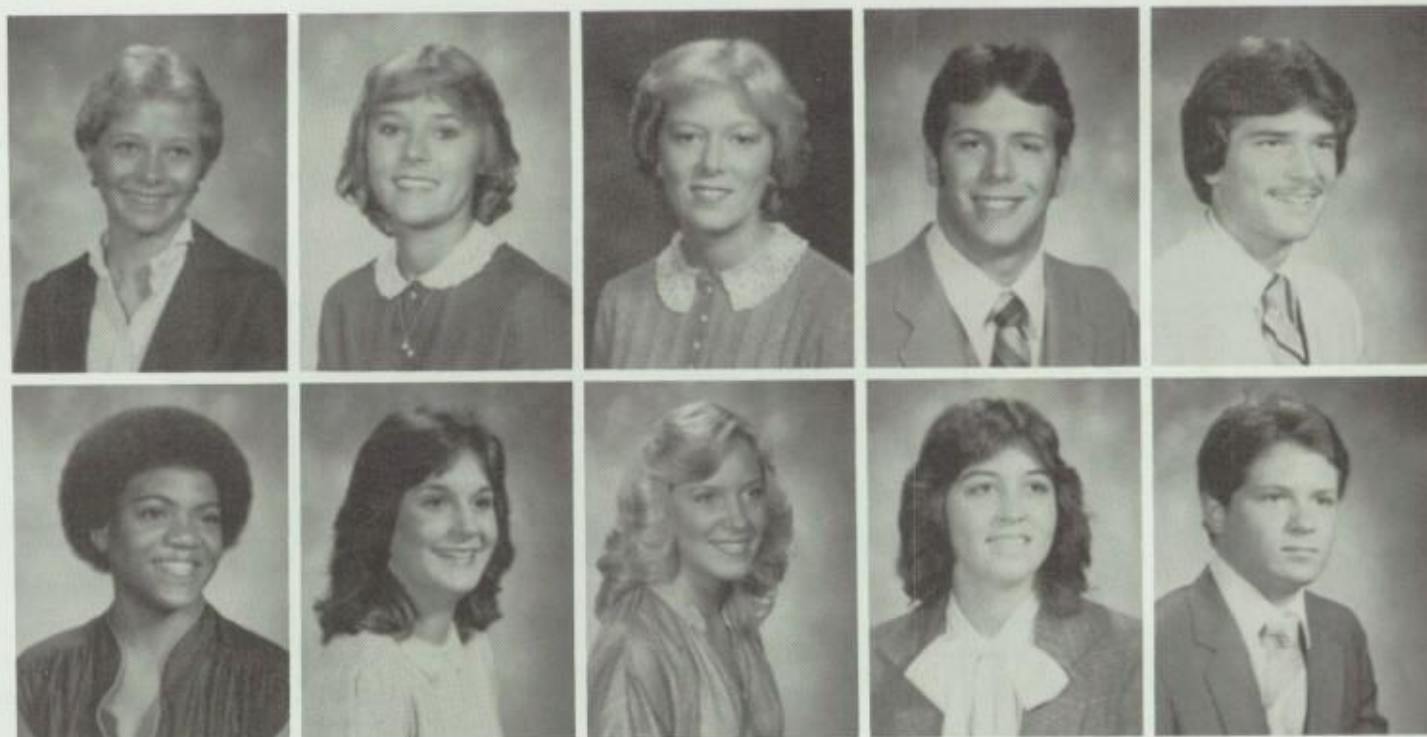
Leading the Class of '82 were Stanley Dupuy, president; Missy Tatum, vice president; and Penny Middleton, secretary-treasurer.

Class representatives were Lori Gates, Renee' Barnes, Brett Cloyd, Stacey Dupuy, Carole Smith, and Cathy Ramsey.

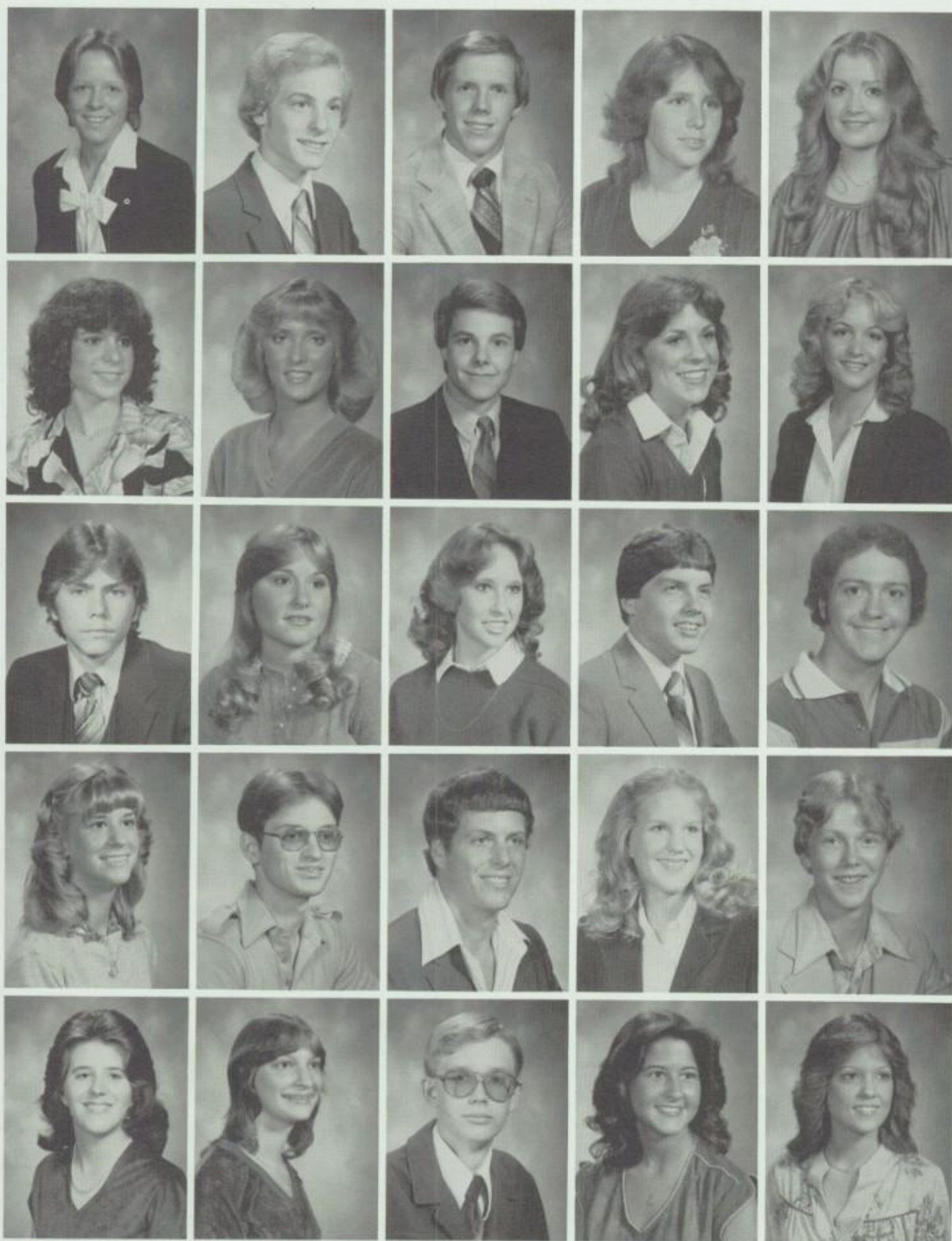
Organizing and working at sign paintings, cheering on at pep rallies and games, and setting examples for the underclassmen to follow prompted the seniors on during the year. Midterm graduation, third nine weeks research papers, and ordering invitations, caps, and gowns brought the final for the 11 years of work for the approximately 460 members of the Class of 1982.

Adcock, Tina  
Albritton, Rhonda  
Albritton, Tracey  
Aldridge, Logan  
Alexander, Greg

Allen, Jacqueline  
Allen, Tammy  
Anderson, Karon  
Arrant, Gaye  
Aulds, Les







Aulds, Lisa  
Austin, Brent  
Austin, Glen  
Avant, Patty  
Averitte, Sherry

Averette, Tammy  
Banks, Tammy  
Barker, John  
Barnes, Renee  
Bass, Sheila

Baugh, Terry  
Beavers, Vanessa  
Bell, Rhonda  
Berry, Bill  
Bishop, Reggie

Boles, Elizabeth  
Bolls, Greg  
Bonner, Jay  
Booth, Susan  
Booth, William

Bowen, Becky  
Bowman, Lori  
Bray, Danny  
Brewster, Melonie  
Brinson, Donna



“My senior year looked good because there was more to do and more places to do it.”

Don Hudnall



“My senior year looked because I got out at mid-term.”

Melanie Jones



Brooks, Bonnie  
Brown, Sondra  
Brown, Scott  
Brown, Steve  
Bryan, Russell

Buford, Joy  
Burgess, Bryan  
Burnett, Tom  
Cage, Troy  
Campbell, Jeanne

Campbell, Kim  
Carson, Laurie  
Chambless, Wendy  
Chapman, Cynthia  
Cheek, Lisa

Clark, DeLane  
Cloyd, Brett  
Collins, Janice  
Coody, Ronnie  
Copes, Hubert



**FOR THE LAST** pep rally, senior football players dressed in suits before marching in single file, led by trainer Scot Martin.



**DURING AN ART DEMONSTRATION,** Monica Thompson learns how to make leather tooled mushrooms.





Coronado, Danny  
Couch, Steve  
Crabtree, Teresa  
Craig, Donna  
Craig, Tammie

Crain, Cindy  
Crenshaw, Allyson  
Crowell, Glenn  
Cummings, Danny  
Danna, David

Davis, Joseph  
Davis, Tammy  
Dawkins, Howell  
Deal, Denise  
DeCrane, Sandy

DeLancey, Deborah  
Dorris, Calvin  
Dortch, James  
Downs, Patti  
Drumgoole, Aaron



## Mail bombards seniors

Neither rain nor sleet nor snow shall keep the postman from his appointed rounds. Judging from the multitudes of brochures, pamphlets, loan opportunities, and just plain "junk" mail, that most seniors received, some people might prefer that the Post Office begin screening that unsolicited mail.

"It's better at NLU" proclaims some mailings to seniors, while others suggest to seniors "Get the Tech Edge." A batch of mail outs quizzes students, "Is LSU for You?" and other letters from most state universities bombard seniors during

"their" year.

Letters inviting seniors to check out the opportunities available in an armed services career arrive periodically, as do letters wanting prospective grads to examine career opportunities in vocational fields.

What each senior likes to receive is scholarship opportunities from college and vocational institutions. And knowing that there are deadlines for such applications, seniors are glad that "neither rain nor sleet nor snow will keep the postman from his appointed rounds."

DAILY MAIL DELIVERY AND PICK UP helps seniors such as Tracy Greer file T.H. Harris scholarship forms.

FOCUS



Dunn, Robert  
Dunnaway, Ruthie  
Dupuy, Stacey  
Dupuy, Stanley  
Dykes, John



Earl, Connie  
Easterling, Michele  
Easton, Cathy  
Epps, Tami  
Eubanks, Greg



Fautheree, Mike  
Fewell, Tracye  
Floyd, Teresa  
Fordham, Scott  
Frazier, Kelly



Fredricks, Ronnie  
Frith, Millie  
Fuller, Angie  
Furlow, Kim  
Garlington, Douglas



Garrett, Rhonda  
Gates, Lori  
George, Christy  
Gilbert, Alan  
Giles, Jodi



“My senior year went great in Inter-act. Football was spectacular this year. (The last of the dark blue jackets.)”

Billy Joe Lively



“My senior year looked good because of the senior involvement in school activities and all around school spirit.”

Kim Furlow







Gilmore, Brenda  
Ginn, Annette  
Glennon, Dennis  
Graham, Sandi  
Gray, Richard



Green, Brett  
Dreer, David  
Greer, Tracy  
Griggs, Kathy  
Gullick, Juanita



Guice, Cindy  
Guice, Sammy  
Hale, Lowell  
Halley, Guy  
Harrell, Don



## High fashion yields to comfort

What did green 'gators, pink pigs and "Ferocious" felines have in common during the last several months? The same that short pants, long pants knee pants, and banded pants shared, as did Levi, Lee and Chic.

Remaining popular with young people were Izod clothing and accessories, even though the advent of Polo by Ralph Lauren may have dipped into the 'gator's popularity. Brand name jeans in denims and corduroys, in bright and bold colors, continued their dominance.

Interest in Miss Piggy, though perhaps beginning to wane, picked up somewhat as Hallmark issued a new assortment of the Jim Henson creations prior to the holidays. Garfield, that comic strip cat, endeared himself to many as he shared their dislike for Mondays.

T-shirts, flannel shirts, monogrammed shirts, and oxford shirts

maintained their popularity with teens. Different styles and textures of boots and hats gained in favor, as some of these items could be worn for casual or dress wear. Also included in popular footwear were penny loafers, moccasins, and "boats" shoes for school and hunting boots for more casual looks.

New to the fads and fashion scene this year were patterned shoe strings, available with a multitude of messages. Preppie and punk clothing styles generated some interest, while other students preferred their more familiar clothing, such as goose down vests and jackets, or comfortable blazers.

For girls, leg warmers, usually in pink, kept the legs warm, especially when these knitted and cuffed long tubes were worn over their jeans.

**DEBIE KNOWLES** keeps up with the new fads at WMHS by wearing a bandana around her head.

FOCUS



**NOT LIMITED** to girls only, home and family living class members report to the library for Mrs. Miller's requirements.



Harrell, Wendy  
Hatten, Scott  
Havener, Sheila  
Hearne, Lauren  
Hemphill, Carol



Henry, Linda  
Hernandez, Connie  
Herrington, Jonette  
Hilburn, Eddie  
Hinson, Tracie



Hobbs, Craig  
Hobgood, Julia  
Hodge, Mark  
Hollis, Penny  
Holman, Cheryl



Holman, Jimmy  
Holstead, Danny  
Holton, Lori  
Honeycutt, Frankie  
Hoover, Gayle



Howard, Sonya  
Hudnall, Don  
Huff, Pamela  
Huffman, Luther  
Hulsey, Nancy







Humphrey, Kayla  
Hutson, Phillip  
Hutton, David  
Ivey, Felicia  
Jackson, Debi

Jackson, Micha  
Jackson, Phil  
James, Rhonda  
Jarrell, Tammy  
Jarvis, Linda

Jenkins, Vickie  
Jennings, Ellen  
Johnson, Charles  
Johnson, Jeane  
Johnson, Mike

Johnson, Shelia  
Johnson, Traci  
Johnston, Todd  
Jones, Bruce  
Jones, Casey

**THE 5 INCH** parking blocks were nearly unseen at the south end of the school during the January snow and ice.



## Best or worst - snow sticks here

Forecasters dubbed it the "worst winter storm" for north Louisiana in 20 years as temperatures plummeted to 5 degrees Monday, Jan. 11, and an ice storm followed, causing schools to be closed.

Before recovery from the sleet and freezing rain was complete, a snowstorm pushed across the area, adding another day out of school. Unlike most snow, which melts shortly after the sun reappears, this white stuff blanketing the area survived the brilliance of the sun on Thursday, as the school and businesses remained closed.

Below freezing temps kept roads in a hazardous condition and virtually paralyzed most activity. Slight

thaws during the day and sub-freezing night-time temps created icy roads, again forcing schools to be closed on Friday.

Midterm exams had to be postponed for two days, while the weather did a rapid change as high temps reached the high 70's.

Snowmen, snowball fights, and snow angels gave way in popularity to sliding on the levee. Thomas and Well Road embankments proved to be popular "sledding" spots as the approximately 5 inches of snow and ice was too much to resist.

Forecaster dubbed it the worst storm, but many students would argue that point and call it the "best" winter storm in many years.

SNOW



# 'Wild & Crazy' denotes themes for pep rallies

It's 7:15 a.m. A Friday morning of another pep rally. The school is empty. Well, not exactly empty, for in the halls and auditorium, seniors are busy hanging signs and placing noise makers, balloons, shakers and other paraphernalia in the senior section.

What will you remember most about those special pep rallies? Probably the first thing that will occur to the seniors of '82 are those "wild and crazy" themes. Remember when the seniors went punk . . . , hawaiian . . . , surgical . . . , or safari?

"All I think about when I remember the pep rallies is all of us dressed in scrub suits and Linda Jarvis coming down the aisle in a wheel chair, it was wild," commented Tracye Fewell about her favorite pep rally.

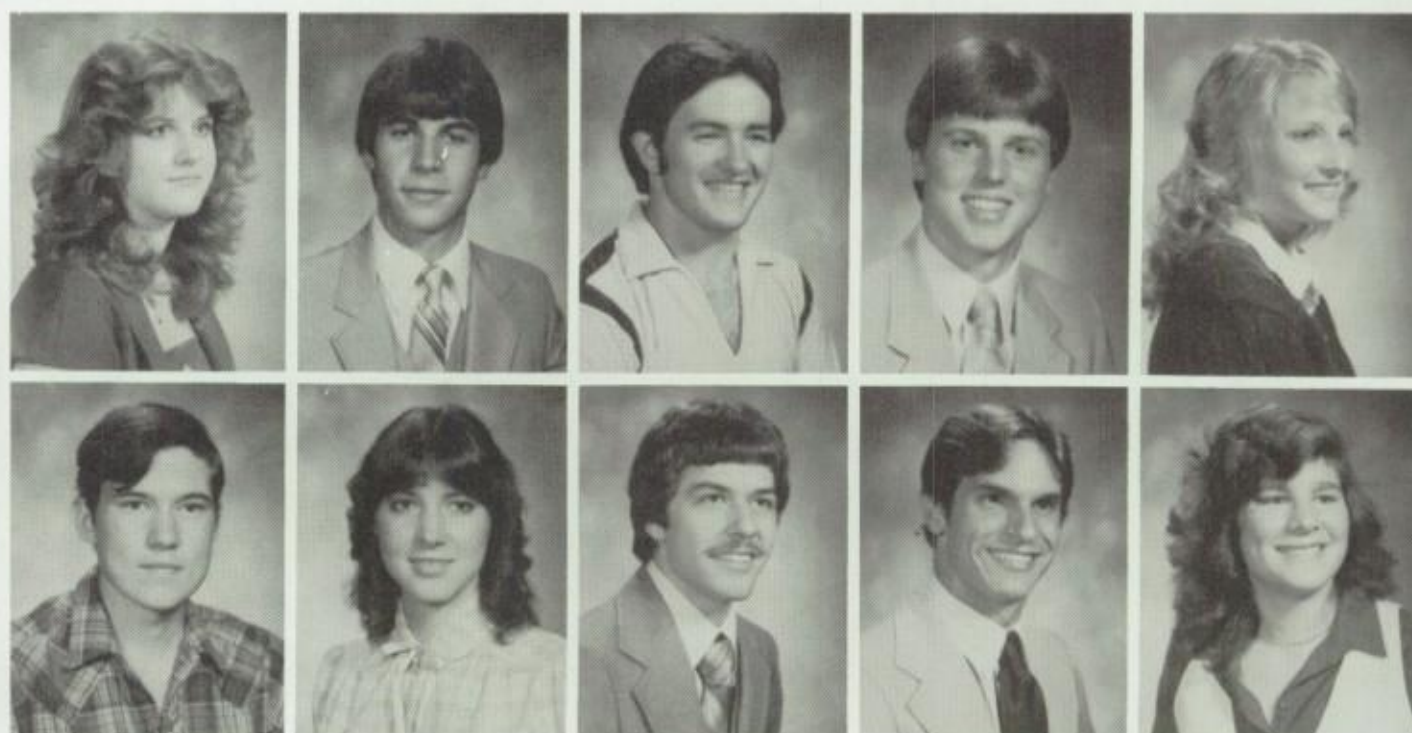
Although there was some controversy over whether the themes supported the Senior Class, instead of the Rebels, most students found the themes "something to look forward to," as Connie Hernandez said.

During the fun-filled rally, a carnival spirit seemed to fill the air for the seniors, but as soon as the fun was over, preparations began for the next pep-rally. What would be the theme? Everyone wanted to know. And at sign paintings and lunch, seniors came together to conceive yet another different idea for the pep rally.

Why do they do all that just for a pep rally, one asks? "For underclassmen, the pep rallies aren't really that special, but for us, the seniors of '82, well, it's our last ones, and when we say that last prayer ending the last pep rally for the year, it's over, we don't have anymore . . . it's really kind of sad," commented Alan Gilbert.



Jones, Melanie  
Jordan, Damon  
Jowers, David  
Kennedy, Drew  
Kent, Laurie



Killebrew, Johnny  
Killebrew, Roxan  
King, Bill  
Knight, Brice  
Knight, Lisa





**CONFETTI SPRINKLE'S** down as seniors of '82 raise hands after the singing of the Alma Mater during a pep rally.



**IN HER 4th** period bookkeeping class, Sheryl Mahute checks her daily assignments.



Knighten, Debbie  
Knowles, Debbie  
Knox, Charles

Kuhn, James  
Kuhn, Kevin  
Lane, Ida

Laws, Leslie  
Lee, Cindy  
Lee, Melinda

Lenard, Clint  
Lenard, Gaylon  
Lenard, Tammy

Lentini, Lorie  
Littleberry, John  
Lively, Billy Joe

Lofton, Elizabeth  
Lord, Elizabeth  
Mabry, Tim



Martin, Marian  
Martin, Scot  
Mason, Paula  
Massey, Connie  
McBroom, Clevea

McCarvill, Dona  
McCullen, Troy  
McCullough, Jerry  
McGee, Laurie  
McGhee, Beth

McGough, Larry  
McGowen, Rodney  
McKay, Kent  
McKnight, Doug  
McManus, Mark

McMillan, Bartlett  
McMillon, Dawn  
McMullen, Ken  
Medaries, Leigh  
Mercer, Greg



## 83 finish high school in January

Whether graduating at midterm is an advantage or disadvantage can no longer be questioned. The seniors of 1982 are the last class to be a midterm graduate which makes 1982 the largest number of seniors to graduate during midterm.

Many of the 83 midterm grads decided to start college early, get a full time job, begin a married life, or just leave high school.

Midterm graduates this year include Rhonda Albritton, Sheila Bass, Debra Ann Bell, Rhonda Shea Bell, Susan Elaine Booth, Melonie Brewster, Linda Brown, Teresa Brown, Joy Buford, Kimberly Ann Campbell, Cindy Denise Crain, Tammie Craig, Teresa

Crabtree, Jessie W. Cox, David Danna, Brian Davis, Tammy Davis, Sandy DeCrane, Donald C. Doggett, James Dorton, Robert Dunn, Jack Edwards, Jack M. Edwards, Millie Frith, Clifton M. Gilliland, Brenda Gilmore, Sandra Graham.

Randal L. Hamons, Eric Scott Hatten, Linda Kay Henry, Mark Hodge, Pamela Kay Huff, Nancy Diane Hulsey, Mark Hynum, Sheila Johnson, Jean Johnston, Allison Lee Jones, Melanie Jones.

Pat Kent, James Charles Knox, Mary Cynthia Lee, Lorie Lentini, Billy Joe Lively, Clevea McBroom, Randall Miller, Christy George Neathery, Robert Nelson, Terrance Nelson, Todd Nelson,

Tim Owens.

Philip Parker, Michele Perkins, Tim Peske, William Edward Phillips, Vickie Plunkett, Thomas Price, David M. Reese, Donna R. Reeves, Lynda D. Reeves, Alan Robertson, Debbie Robinson, Maggie Robinson, Robert Russell.

Kerry Shaw, Chris Siddon, Sharon Kay Simpkins, Caroline Skipper, Stephanie Smith, Margaret Steinbeck, Anita Strong, Sharon Swope, Deborah Taylor, Michelle Taylor, Joy Thomas, Sheila Underwood, Catherine Nugent Valentine, Jay Williams, Robert Wright, Karen Wyatt, Shrona Wyatt, Cathy Zeigler, and Tony Zeigler.

MRS. LOU NELL TAYLOR hands out information sheets to mid-term grads during first period.





**NA MOORE**, clown for Peggy's Cake dresses in her clown suit and balloons making a delivery in the Twin Cities.



**EVEN DURING** the winter, ice cream remains a favorite concession food as Penny Middleton feeds chocolate ice cream to Stanley Dupuy.



Mercer, Patricia  
Meryweather, Marcia  
Middleton, Penny



Miller, Ann  
Mills, Wendy  
Minard, Jay



Milstead, Ken  
Mitchell, Don  
Mitchell, Tim



Moore, Denea  
Moore, Donna  
Morris, Becky



Morrow, David  
Moss, Lori  
Mullins, Cynthia



Murphy, Billy  
Murphy, Tim  
Murray, Jim



**CHECK IN** and check out cards must be completed by office workers such as Tammy Averette.

## Co-ed excels in writing, performing

With hobbies of writing and performing, Felicia Ivey, a 3-year member of Theatre Forensics, has acquired achievements in both areas.

She has actively participated in tournaments against other schools and qualified for state competition, competing in dramatic interpretation, duets, poetry reading and speech tournaments. As a part of her desire to perform, Felicia served as student chairman of the Black History program at WMHS held in February.

"I'm excited. It was the first Black History Celebration to be presented as a formal program in 10 years," commented Felicia. Special guest for this special occasion was the NLU interdenomination choir.

"The program was basically to make students here aware of the ac-

complishments of black people other than athletes. I wanted to encourage them to achieve in other ways," said Felicia.

As for her writing, Felicia strives for achievement by writing essays, poetry, and short stories. During her junior year, she placed third on an essay concerning Black History.

"I try to improve my writing so I participate in essay contests," added Felicia.

During her senior year, Felicia had involved herself with another endeavor for competition. With this effort, she composed her next essay, "The Importance of Keeping Black History in the Present."

"I just like to write. I've always admired writers. I find that I can relax myself by writing," she noted.



"The most exciting thing about my senior year was being co-captain of the Rebel Raiders and dancing at the Superdome."

Ashley Titus

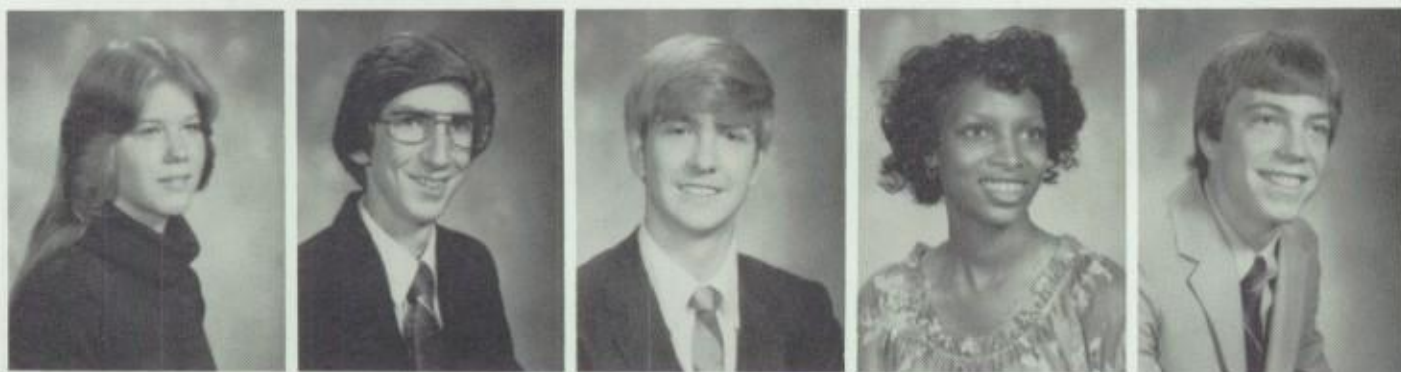


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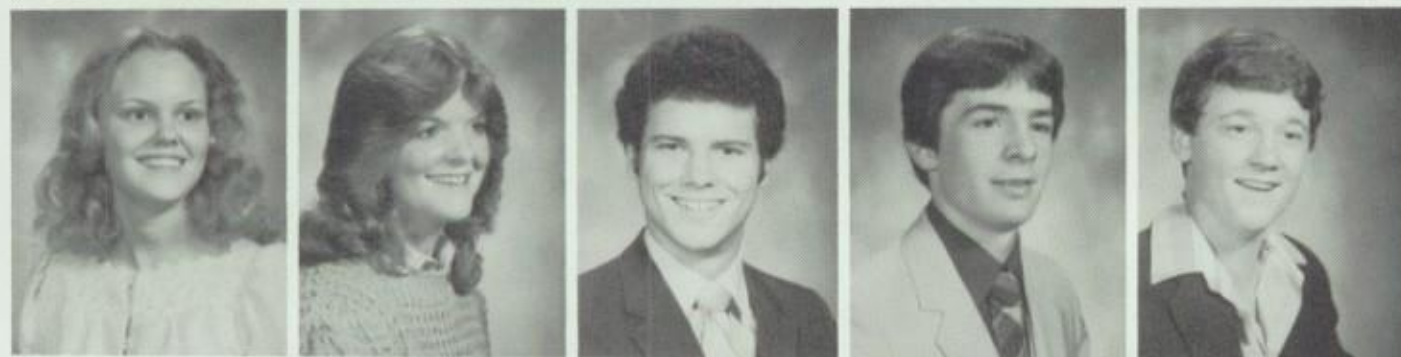
Myers, Eldia  
Neese, Joe  
Neighbors, David  
Nelson, Renee  
Nelson, Todd



Newman, Dawn  
Nixon, Denise  
Nolan, Pam  
Norris, John  
Oglesbee, Julie



Owens, Donald  
Owens, Tim  
Parker, Lisa  
Parker, Phil  
Pearson, Devery



Pedigo, Michelle  
Perkins, Michele  
Perkins, Shawn  
Peske, Tim  
Phillips, Billy



Pilgreen, James  
Pittard, Leigh  
Plunkett, Vickie  
Price, Tommy  
Putnam, Angie



Raborn, John  
Ramsey, Cathy  
Ramsey, Shawn  
Randall, Carter  
Ratliff, Shannon



Ray, Laurie  
Rayner, Karen  
Rea, Wanda  
Reagan, Mike  
Reeves, Robbin



Reppond, Michele  
Richardson, James  
Richardson, Vance  
Riser, Mark  
Robert, Patricia

Roberts, Claudia  
Robertson, Alan  
Robinson, Debbie  
Robinson, Maggie  
Robison, Denise

Rodgers, Donna  
Roy, Brent  
Roy, Randal  
Russ, Janice  
Russell, Glenn

Russell, Robert  
Sanders, Jeri Beth  
Sanders, Mary  
Scarbrock, Delores  
Schexnaider, Vikki

Schmidt, Steven  
Schulte, John  
Schulte, Lee  
Scott, Cindy  
Shannon, John

Shaw, Kerry  
Shepherd, Keith  
Shorts, Lela  
Simmons, Deborah  
Simpkins, Sharon

Simpson, Tanya  
Skipper, Caroline  
Smith, Carole  
Smith, Faith  
Smith, Jeff







## Half-day seniors share 'good' life

Beginning at 11:10, the parking lot empties as those seniors who were able to schedule only three classes left the campus for varied reasons.

For some, the half-day schedule allowed them to work being enrolled in DE or COE, while for others, the halfday of school classes left time for trade school or college courses. Many, however, just preferred being at home, usually watching television programs, or visiting with other half-day students.

To identify their "unscheduled" status for the afternoon, half-day students carried an ID card with dark blue background. In the second semester, many of the seniors dropped their afternoon classes to be half day students, if they had sufficient number of credits and required courses completed.

Going to school only half a day robs some students of their "last opportunity for free education," commented assistant Principal Gene Ford, who added, "When they go to college, it's (education) going to cost them."

**BEING A HALF-DAY** student isn't always to one's liking as Patti Brownell, assisted by Linda

Jarvis, attempts to change her flat tire.



Smith, Paul  
Smith, Sheryl Denise  
Smith, Stephanie  
Smith, Traci  
Spivey, Brad

Spurgeon, Joellen  
Stansbury, Tim  
Steinbeck, Margaret  
Stennett, Debbi  
Street, Anita

Strong, Anita  
Stubbs, Sharon  
Sturgeon, Hiram  
Swope, Sharon  
Sylvester, Kent



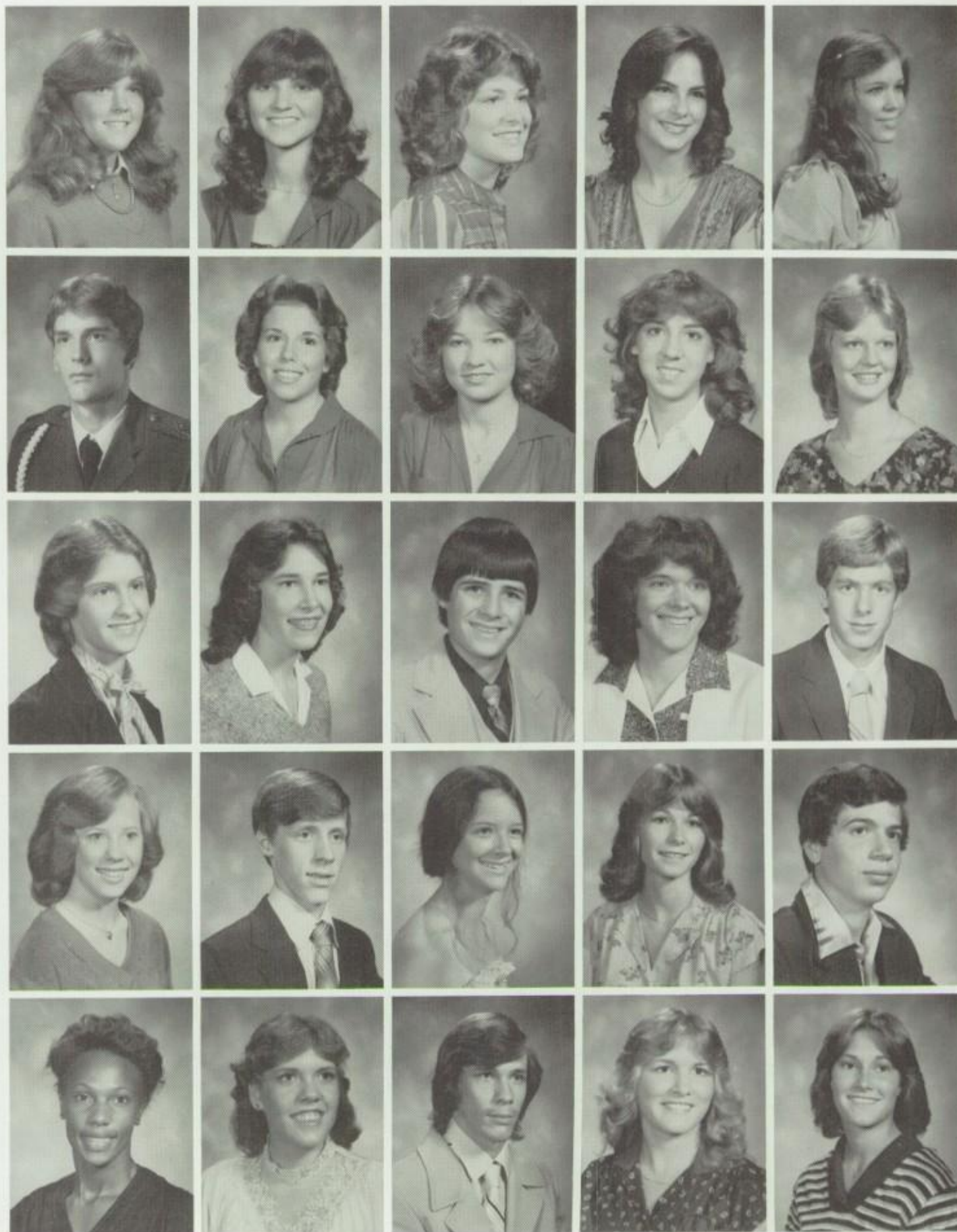
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Taylor, Pat  
Temple, Deneen  
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Thompson, Monica

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Titus, Ashley  
Toms, Jan

Toms, Jan  
Tradewell, Brenda  
Trichell, Neil  
Truett, Pamela  
Truly, James

Tubb, Dianna  
Tubb, Daniel  
Twilbeck, Lynne  
Underwood, Sheila  
Vallery, Michael

Van Buren, Faye  
Vasquez, Debbie  
Waits, James  
Walden, Kristina  
Wallace, Rebecca



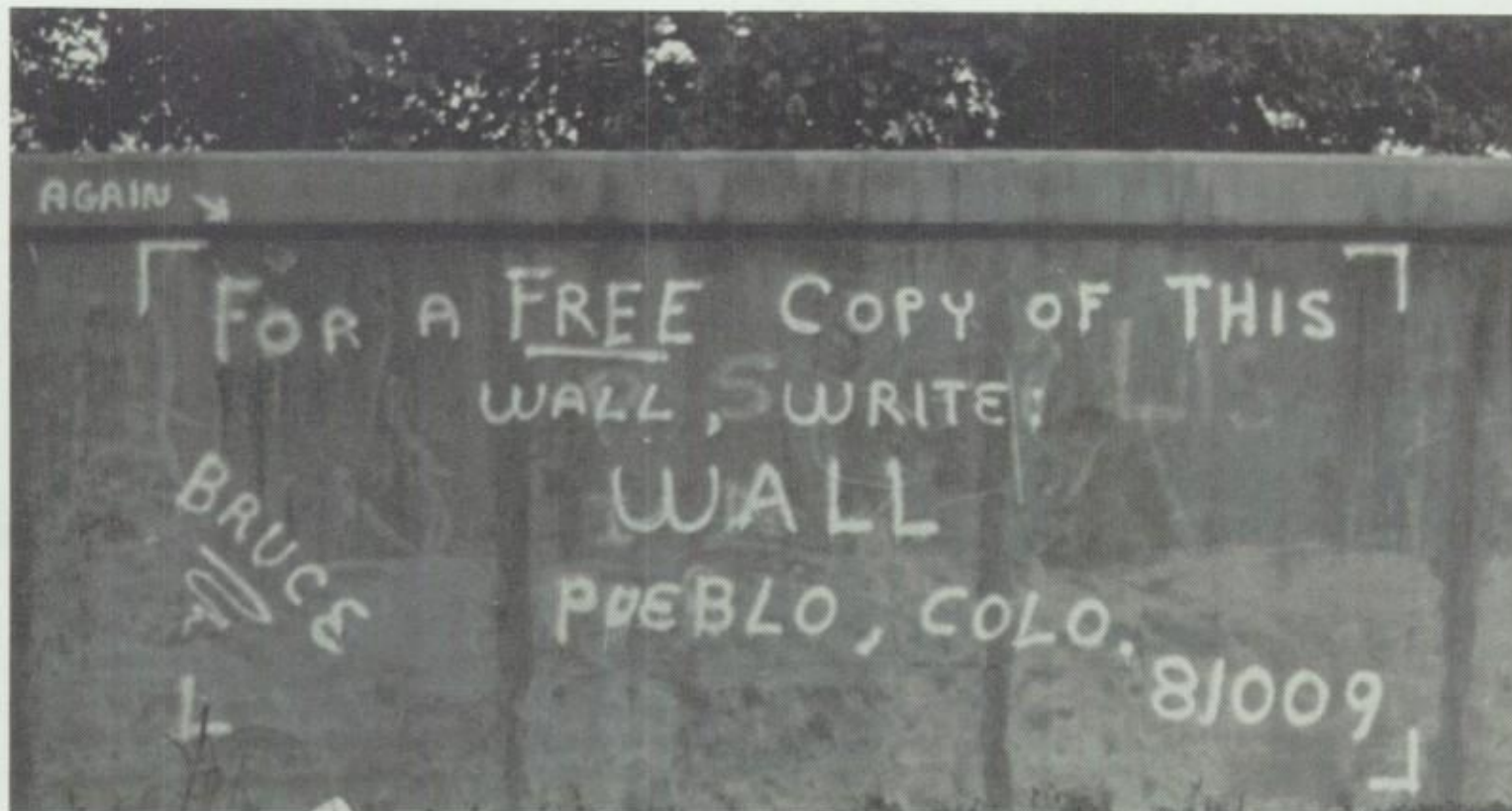
“My senior year looked good because I only had four classes and I enjoyed getting out early. I enjoyed English IV best of all.”  
Valerie Williams



“My senior year was the best one because it's the last one. But it's sad because I won't get to see my friends anymore. It also makes you look forward to the future.”  
Sondra Brown







ONE ORIGINAL WRITER opted for this unusual message on the seawall along Trenton street rather than leaving his (or her) mane.

## Seniors leave their 'marks'

"Fools' names and fools' faces always appear in public places."

Many graduates, and prospective graduates of West Monroe High School expect to be a part of tradition, by leaving their mark along the Trenton Street seawall or on the green water tower on North Seventh Street.

Not considering themselves "fools" but rather followers in the tradition, the ones leaving their "marks" are indeed breaking the law, specifically by committing acts of vandalism.

Though the "writers" may consider their efforts as being clever or original,

and not illegal, according to the West Monroe Police Department, anyone apprehended in the act of spray painting on the levee wall will be taken into custody. Minors will be transferred to the juvenile authorities according to the department spokesman.

However, not all painting on the seawall may continue to be illegal, if a proposal by the Art Clubs of Ouachita Parish is funded, according to Mrs. Paula Adams. If money is made available, art students will be permitted to begin on the far end of the levee, near Highland Park Country Club, to paint a murrel.



LISA AULDS checks a Coke cap for a "winner."



Wallace, Robert  
Ward, Patty  
Watson, Belinda

Watson, Donna  
Wells, Renee  
Wenborn, Patricia



Wheat, Maryalice  
Wheat, Robert  
Wheelis, Blake  
Wheelis, Joy  
White, Kathy

White, Lisa  
White, Tommy  
Whitlock, David  
Whittington, Amy  
Wilhite, Myla

Williams, Jay  
Willis Renee'  
Willett, Carrie  
Wills, Eileen'  
Woolsey, Robert

Word, Mark  
Wright, Bobby  
Wyatt, Karen  
Young, Miranda  
Zuber, Matt



**CONCESSION BREAK** is a time for sharing as Carol Lofton shares her ice cream sandwich with Jan Toms.

**JAMES RICHARDSON** and Logan Aldridge answer a dating survey for the Roving Reporter during lunch break.





**SENIOR WORKING** on their term paper search for the right book during Mrs. Sue Williams fourth period.

**\$100,000 IS** what interests Leigh Medaries as she chomps into the popular chocolate and carmel confection.

**CONGREGATED AT** the south end of the annex, Glen Crowell, Chris Siddon, and Bruce Jones meet during concession break.



IT WASN'T EXACTLY the Florida they have in mind, but seniors Donna Watson, Tracey Fewell, and Patricia Mercer will be well on their way to the state fo Florida following May 22 commencement excercises.

## Where do we go from here?

It's the last year. We're seniors, and we've finally "made it!" We've come a long way . . . but . . .

Florida — for the sun? New York — for the sights? Or Gilley's — for the suds?

Most Seniors prepare for relaxation before college, a full-time job, service in the Navy, or housewife, etc. For two weeks, we forget tardies and detention, finals and deadlines, just to unwind and enjoy that long-awaited freedom from school.

After graduation, msot graduates plan to either work or go to Florida. New York City, Gilley's, the Bahamas, Carribean

Cruise, and even grandmothers house are among the other trips anticipated by excited seniors. Also, church retreats at Ridgcrest and Glorieta serve as inspirational senior trips.

What will we do after our trip? Some know where they are going, some have an idea, and some just don't know yet. One of us may . . . teach at WMHS, play professional football, model designer clothes or even become the President of the United States.

But wherever we do go, we will always remember where we came from and who we are: The WMHS class of 1982!

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# Junior Class decreases by 71



Junior Class officers are Leslie Cook, secretary; Jim Herbet, president; Carolyn Bennett, representative; (middle row) Dawn Ferguson and Dana McIntosh,

representatives; (front row) Lisa Oxford, Karen Henry, Barbara Westfall, representatives; (not pictured; Lisa Thrailkill, vice-president.)

Total enrollment for juniors was 469 when the final tally was made after the two week delay in school opening. This was a decrease of 71 students from the previous year and revealed statistics of 420 whites, 44 blacks, and 1 Oriental.

Girls outnumbered boys by nine, with 239 girls, and 230 boys.

Twenty-two credits are required before juniors can graduate. The class of '83 is the first to be required to take four Englishes and three maths to meet their requirements.

For a fee of \$4.25, 78 juniors took the National Merit Exam, which offers scholarships for qualifying students. Some juniors took the test to help prepare for the ACT test which many took in the spring.

Leading the juniors in spirit were Junior Class President Jim Herbet, Vice President Lisa Thrailkill, and Secretary-Treasurer Leslie Cook.

Representatives were Karen Henry, Dawn Ferguson, Dana McIntosh, Carolyn Bennett, Lisa Oxford, and Barbara Westfall.

Abbott, Kathy  
Adams, Danita  
Adams, Kim  
Adams, Michelle  
Akin, Kitty  
Aldridge, Mike  
Allen, Shawn



Anding, Greg  
Antley, Richard  
Avant, Becky  
Avant, Benji  
Avant, Lori  
Aaron, Nelia  
Bamburg, Cathy



Bamburg, Sandra  
Balance, Todd  
Banks, Mike  
Barnard, Amber  
Barry, Sandra  
Bates, Brad  
Beard, Lynn







Beebe, Selida  
Bennett, Carolyn  
Bennett, Fred  
Benton, Karen  
Billings, Michael  
Blakley, Marvin  
Blakley, Tina



Blazier, Ashley  
Bolin, Sherry  
Bourland, Sam  
Braddock, Randy  
Brakefield, Dorothy  
Branch, Keith  
Brantley, Jeff



Branson, Vanessa  
Brasher, Jerry  
Bratton, Susan  
Brewer, Sherry  
Brister, Tom  
Broughton, Beverly  
Brown, Doug



Brown, Mona  
Brown, Penny  
Brown, Tina  
Bolen, Charles  
Bryan, Melinda  
Bryan, Stacy  
Buchanan, Karen



Bullock, Dee  
Burke, Matt  
Butler, Ronnie  
Butler, Todd  
Cain, Danita  
Calhoun, Charrie  
Canterbury, Dawn



Cann, Jennifer  
Carroll, Alan  
Carroll, Susan  
Carter, Greg  
Carter, Mike  
Cash, Tanya  
Chambless, Derrick



Chelette, Dale  
Chiles, Chet  
Clark, James  
Clark, Lisa  
Clampit, Joe  
Clay, Robert  
Cloyd, Jay



Coates, Steve  
Coates, Tracie  
Coleman, LaDonna  
Collins, Chip  
Colvin, David  
Coody, Tim  
Cook, Celeste



Cook, Leslie  
Cook, Wanda  
Coons, Scott  
Cooper, Clark  
Corley, Leanne  
Coronado, Shelia  
Correro, Bryan



Counts, Jeff  
Cousins, Eric  
Cox, Jesse  
Crain, Connie  
Crawford, Lisa  
Creery, Brian  
Cupit, Scott



Dalton, Flint  
Davis, Kim  
DeLoach, Darrell  
Diel, Tracy  
Diffy, Eric  
Dyke, Angel  
Dilmore, Lisa



Douglas, Jim  
Douthit, Jeff  
Duffy, Verna  
Dumas, Pam  
Dunn, Lydia  
Dupree, Kim  
Edmond, Shona



Edwards, Margo  
Edwards, Tracy  
Edwards, Wanda  
Eppinette, Janet  
Faircloth, Bonny  
Farr, Rodney  
Feazel, Leslie



Ferguson, Dawn  
Fiebelkan, Larry  
Finely, Karen  
Fletcher, Laura  
Fletcher, Laura  
Flowers, David  
Flowers, Mitchell



“ I think we're looking good. We've stuck together. There is more spirit in pep rallies. We're pulling together. We're backing the team and the school. We've got a great sense of pride.

Karen Young ”



“ The students and teachers are acting as if they are united. There's a lot of loyalty, probably as much as last year.

Mike Latham ”





## Junior assembly reflects 'best years' . . . so far

"The best years of your life" greeted juniors early in September as they filed into the auditorium from their first period classes.

Sharing some of his adventures of adolescence, Mark Scharenbroich was host for the film, which was used as a motivational device to interest juniors in ordering senior rings.

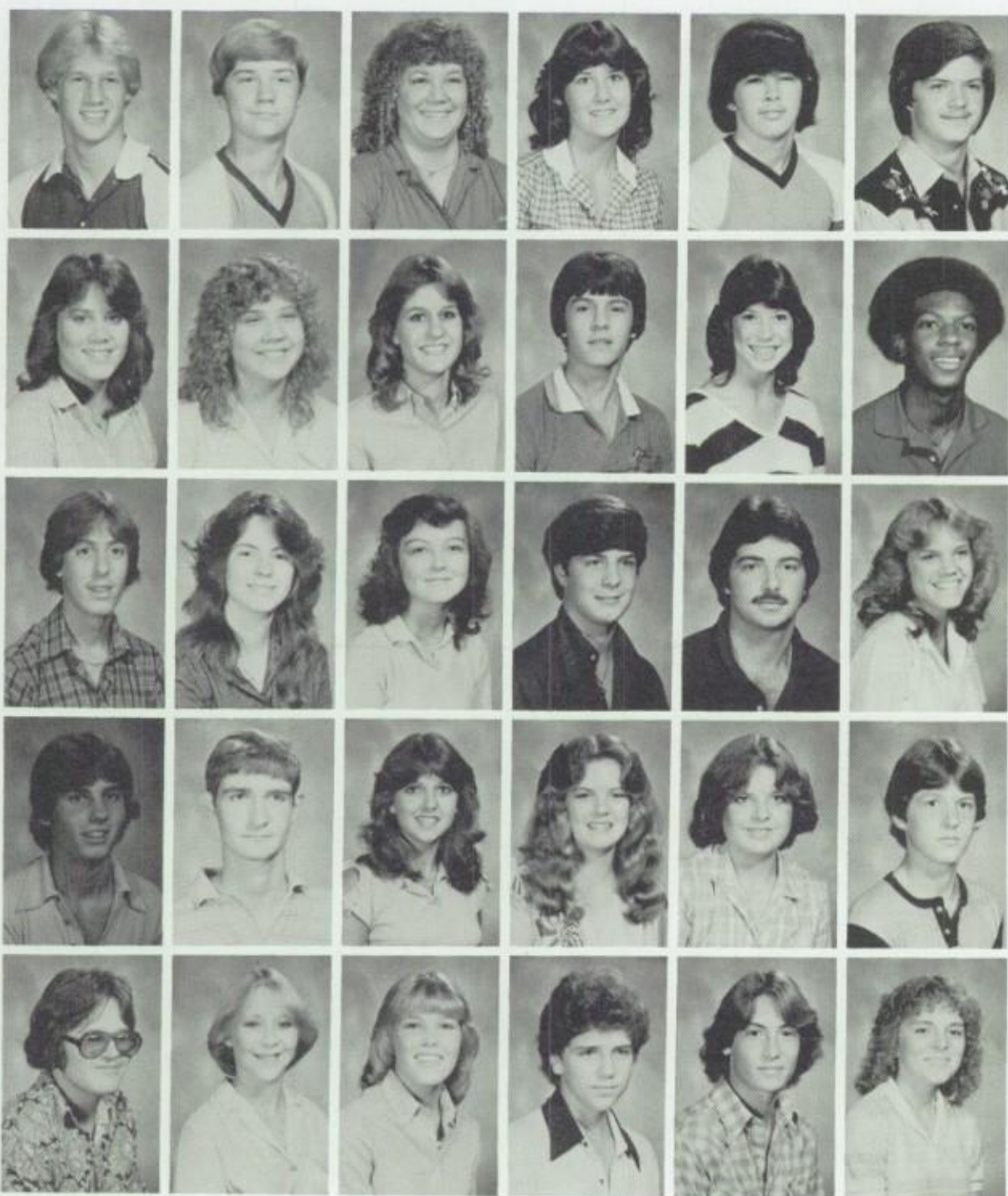
Sponsored by Josten's, the program offered a chance for juniors to examine the kinds

of rings available. The following week, Mr. Roland Carter aided students with their ring selections during lunch and concession breaks.

"Our most popular ring has been the traditional blue stone with a facet top," said Mr. Carter following the ordering period. "Because to us a senior ring is hard to earn and very well deserved, it should be cherished for a lifetime," he added.



ACCORDING TO TRADITION, Yvette Foy turns the senior ring for Dana McIntosh.



Fordham, Brad  
Foster, Kevin  
Foster, Lisa  
Foy, Yvette  
Franklin, Tony  
Frith, Jantes

Frost, Phyllis  
Fulford, Brenda  
Fuller, Suzy  
Funderburk, Jim  
Garner, Lisa  
Gholston, Chris

Gilliland, Doug  
Ginn, Donna  
Glover, Lisa  
Glover, Scott  
Graham, John  
Grazier, Elizabeth

Greenwell, Danny  
Griffin, Reed  
Hall, LaDonna  
Hall, Sherri  
Hamilton, Kay  
Hamilton, James

Haney, Don  
Hardin, Karen  
Hargrove, Stacie  
Harpe, Spencer  
Harrell, Jill



## 'School is easier here . . . '

Living and going to school in a foreign country is a learning experience not many people get to enjoy. However, some do get the opportunity either through an exchange program or by living with relatives.

One foreign student attending WMHS this year is Dietland Friese from Augustfhen, West Germany. Dietland, a junior, has come here through an exchange program and will be attending all year.

"School is easier here because I only have six different classes and go to the same ones every day. In

Germany we have 10 or more classes and go to different ones on different days," said Dietland.

Since in Germany one must also be 18 to get a driver's license, most teens ride bicycles to get where they're going, which on weekends is usually to discos or movies.

The favorite sports in Germany are soccer, basketball, and handball, but not many students go to see their school teams in action. Also, there are no proms, parties, or dances, except for the graduates, as there are here.



**DIETLAND FRIESE** tells of her life in Germany and tells of the differences between the two countries.

Harris, Connie  
Hasley, Lisa  
Hatfield, Sybil  
Hatok, Dorothy  
Head, Cynthia  
Head, Mike  
Heath, Linda



Hedge, Crystal  
Hendrix, Mike  
Hendrix, Todd  
Henry, Karen  
Henry, Linda  
Herbet, Jim  
Herring, Marti



Hicks, Beverly  
Hill, Libby  
Hislop, Jeff  
Lollis, Sandy  
Holman, Derrick  
Holton, Rita  
Holzem, Paul



Horvath, Josephine  
Hundall, Steve  
Huff, Terri  
Humphries, Kathy  
Hurst, Rob  
Hutton Patti  
Jackson, Shawn



Jackson, Todd  
Jacobs Tyrone  
Jenkins, Vance  
Johns, Donna  
Johnson, David  
Johnson, Rosie  
Johnson, Toni







Johnson, Tracy  
Johnston, Barry  
Jones, Cyndy  
Jones, Michell  
Jordan, Frank  
Kidd, Kevin  
Kile, Daryl



Kile, Doug  
Knox, Clyde  
Kolb, Sandy  
LaComb, Jandi  
Landry, Vaughn  
Latham, Julie  
Latham, Mike



Lauhoff, Jeane  
Lawson, Randy  
Lenard, Andy  
Lenard, David  
Lenard, Lanie  
Lenard, Tanya  
Lewis, Glen



Lewis, Melissa  
Lewis, Thomas  
Lowery, Donna  
Loveland, Richard  
Lundy, Susie  
Lynch, Sonia  
Martin, Christina

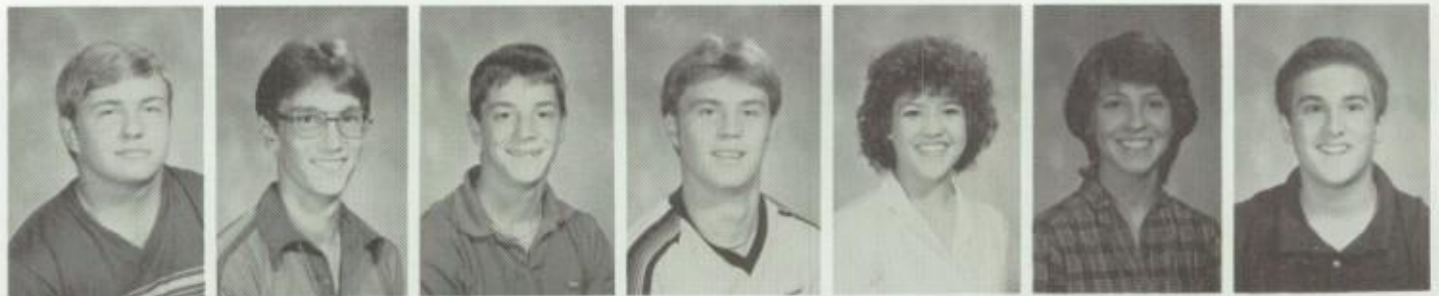


**JUNIORS YELL** until their blue, blue, blue.

**DEE DEE MCCLENDON** goes over her lines one last time for Bull in a China Shop.



Martin, Lee  
 Martin, Stacy  
 Magourik, Pat  
 Massey, Chuck  
 Mathison, Ginger  
 May, Jan  
 McCandlish, Tom



McCarty, Wade  
 McClendon, Donna  
 McClendon, Dewanna  
 McCready, Tammy  
 McDonald, Mike  
 McDowell, Richard  
 McIntosh, Dana



McKnight, Scott  
 McNeely, Brad  
 McNeil, Chip  
 Miller, Lisa  
 Minnifield, Sheread  
 Mitchell, Jay  
 Moore, John



Moore, Lisa  
 Morris, Greg  
 Morrison, Hal  
 Murphy, Rhonda  
 Myers, Hope  
 Neely, Dana  
 Nolan, Kim



Nolan, Todd  
 Norris, Jeff  
 Nugent, Rhonda  
 O'Brient, Keith  
 Oxford, Lisa  
 Owens, Darrell  
 Pack, Marilee



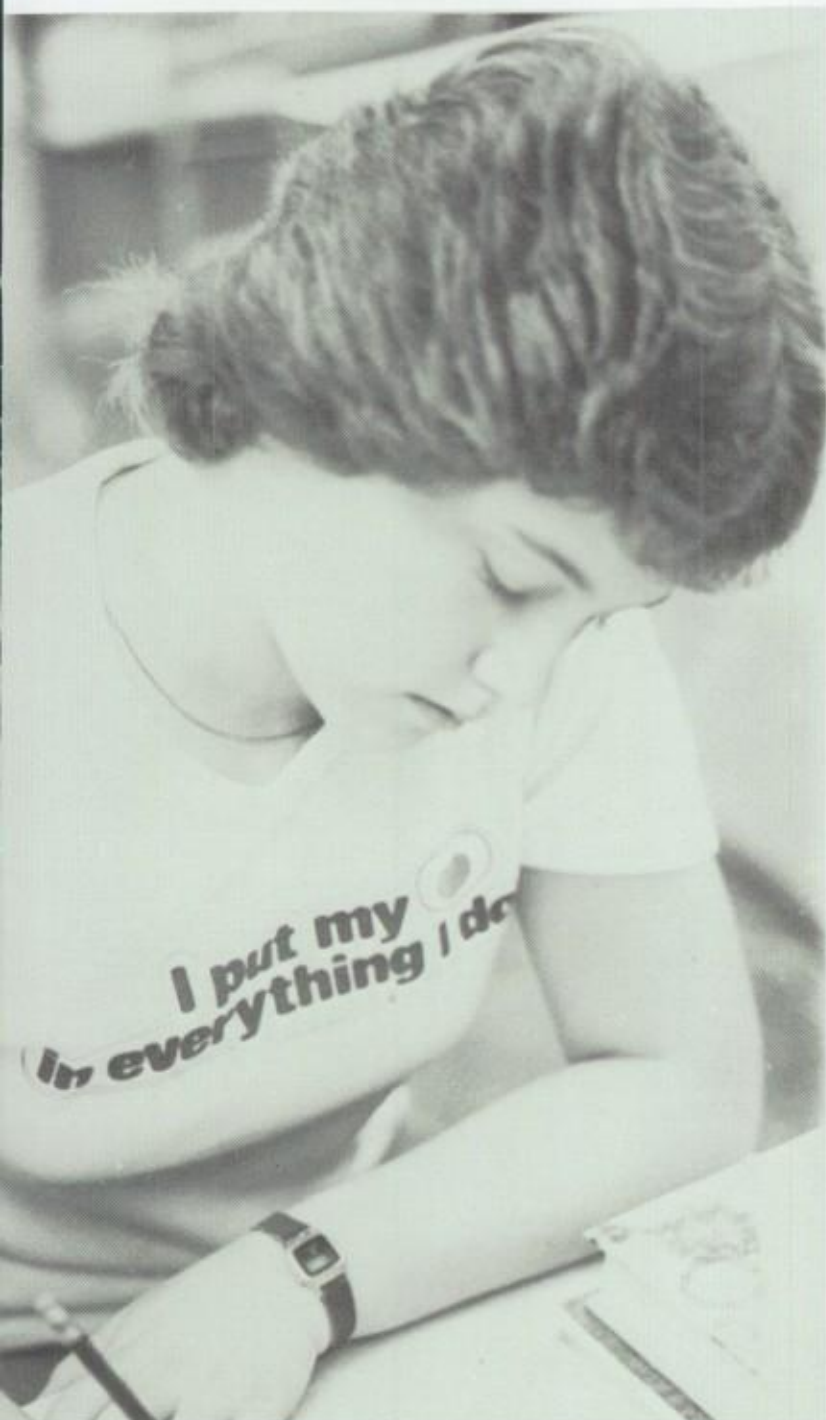
**ONE OF SOME** 20 junior Raiders, Celeste Cook takes a breather during practice.



**GREG SMITH** waits for the bell so that he won't be forced to make excuses for a tardy.



HOPE MYERS "puts her heart" into her homework.



Parker, Kimberly  
Parker, Lisa  
Paschal, Bill



Payne, Rhonda  
Pemberton, Phillip  
Peters, Clifton



Peters, Francis  
Peters, Todd  
Peterson, Liz



Phillips, Randy  
Pinton, Nicole  
Pleasant, Jason



Pouland, Tammy  
Powers, Vicky  
Prestridge, Bob

## Well, excuuuse me!

Student remarks give new meaning to phrase

While passing through the halls you can hear excuses echoing from the rooms as students give the never ending reasons for wrongs.

From the teachers' viewpoint creativity is lacking in students' ability to make up excuses. But many students feel their excuses are very original.

After talking with students and teachers, one learns the same excuses remain, yet others are very inventive.

"The bus came early and I left my work on the table" "Mom washed it in my blue jeans" "I forgot my books at school" "Mother threw it away; she thought it was trash" "My dog chewed my paper" "My little brother colored on it" "I dropped it in a mud puddle" "I had

to practice" "I had to work on yearbook until wee hours of the morning" "My mother's boyfriend was telling dirty jokes, and I had to listen" "I met this boy ..." "I met this girl ..." These were among excuses for not having homework, according to various teachers.

Some reasons given for tardies were, "I had a wreck" "My car broke down" "I overslept until 2:30" "My mother got ran over" "I had to take my dad to the airport" "I got shot" "No transportation so I had to walk" "I had to check the mail."

The saying popularized by Steve Martin, "well, excuse me," still remains alive and well at WMHS.

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Qualls, Janna  
Ray, Cathy  
Ray, Kevin  
Redding, Mitzi



Redmond, Joey  
Rice, Jennifer  
Richardson, Tim  
Richardson, Vance



Rider, Karla  
Ritchie, Craig  
Robert, Angel  
Roberts, Kenny



Robinson, Susan  
Rogers, David  
Rogers, Todd  
Roundtree, Kim



Rowland, Theresa  
Russell, Janet  
Salsbury, Debbie  
Salsbury, Kay



Sanders, Jerry  
Sanders, Lori  
Sanford, Tina  
Saterfield, Charles



Saterfield, Scott  
Scarbrock, Karen  
Scharf, Rhonda  
Shaffer, Stephen



Shamblin, Amy  
Shatzer, DeJuana  
Shirley, Pratt  
Simpson, Carol

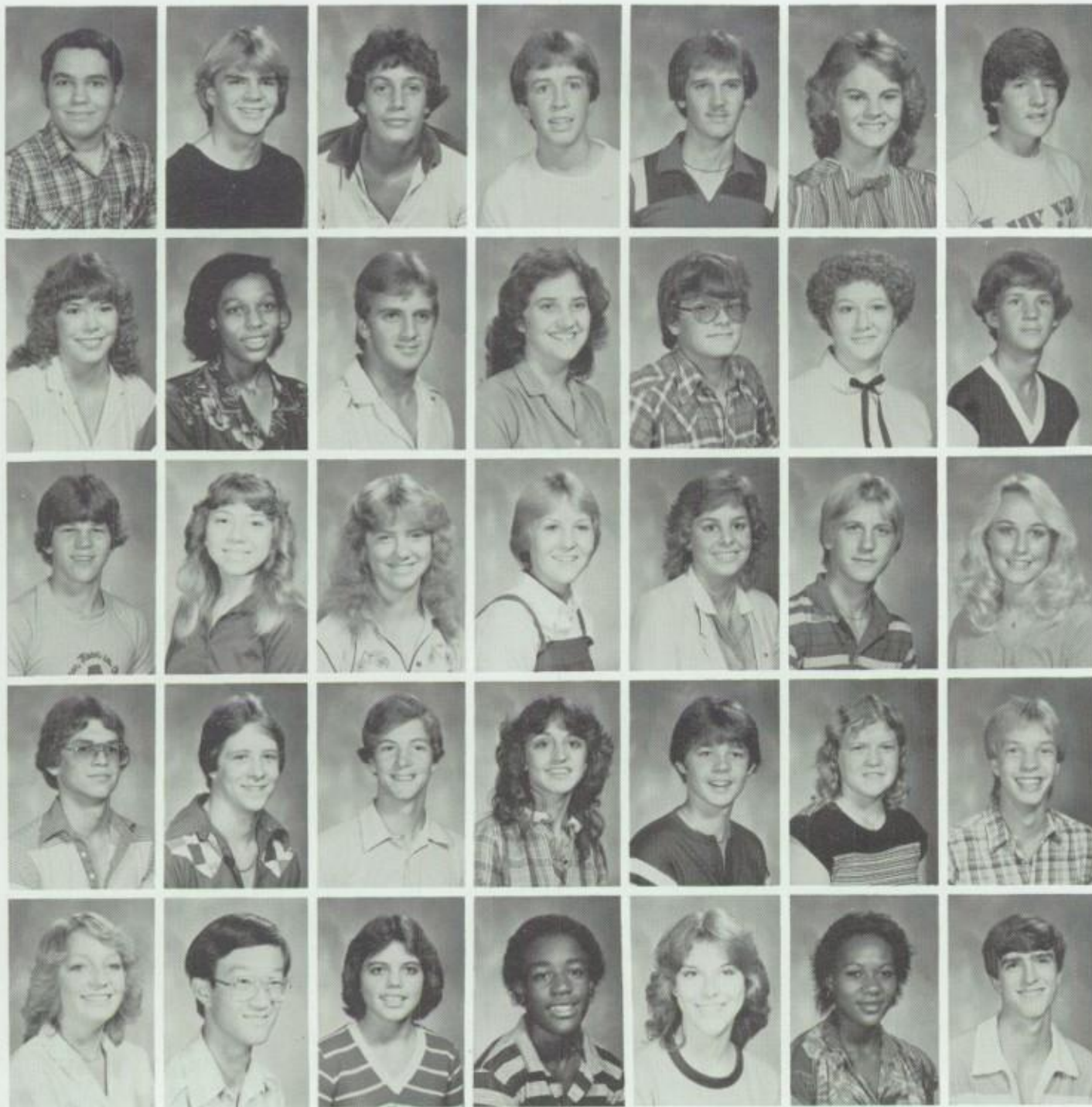


**DURING THE CONCESSION** break, students huddle in groups to shoot the bull.



**STACY SULLIVAN** prefers the punk rock hair style which many punk rock musicians have.





Sims, Albert  
Simpson, Remi  
Sistrunk, Kevin  
Smith, Greg  
Smith, Greg  
Smith, Laura  
Smith, Randy

Smith, Tara  
Smith, Valencia  
Snyder, Brock  
Socha, Kathy  
Southern, Curtis  
Spaulding, Jodie  
Spillers, Donnie

Spillers, Jamie  
Stamper, Kim  
Stapleton, Wanna  
Steakley, Suzanne  
Stephens, Kalisha  
Stewart, James  
Stewart, LaDonna

Strickland, James  
Strickland, Jamie  
Strickland, Michael  
Stringer, Renee  
Struben, Steve  
Stuckey, Cynthia  
Sullivan, Stacy

Sullivan, Cynthia  
Tan, George  
Tarver, Brenda  
Taylor, Richard  
Taylor, Dorothy  
Taylor, Stuart

## Punk or perm

*Ease of hair care  
generates styles*

New hairstyles that can be seen around school this year are the perm and punk hairstyles. "Because it would be easier to keep," said Leslie Feazel in answer to why she got a perm.

She just washes it and lets it go. It takes about 45 minutes to an hour for it to dry.

Another popular style this year is the punk hairstyle, which originated from the punk rock groups.

"All I have to do is shake my head, and it's done," replied Stacy Sullivan on the easiness of the style.

It takes approximately two hours to get perm, and for the punk cut it takes around ten minutes.



**EASY CARE** is one convenience of permed hair like Leslie Feazel has.

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Temple, Terry  
Terrell, Dave  
Thatcher, Renee  
Thomas, Billy  
Thomas, Gary  
Thompson, James  
Thornhill, Tracy



Thrailkill, Lisa  
Thurman, Alisa  
Tippen, Lisa  
Underwood, Lesley  
Underwood, Linda  
Vasquez, Joe  
Vance, Brett



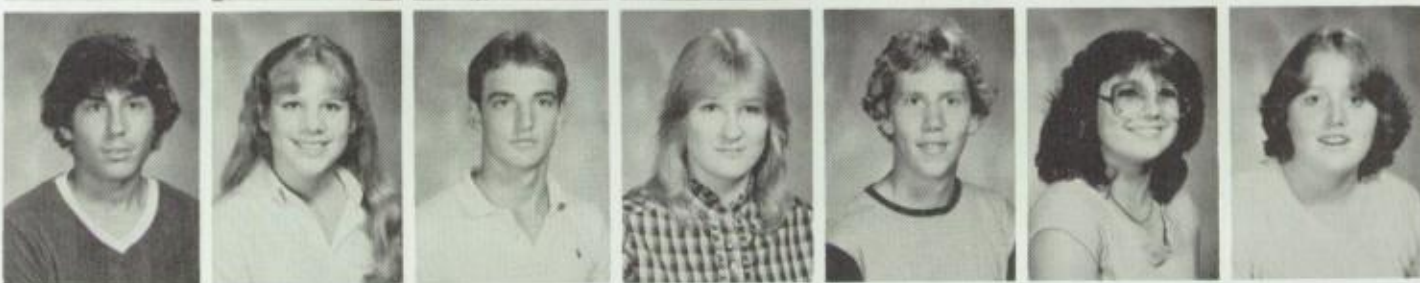
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Waldrop, Tracy  
Walker, Kala  
Waugh, Nicky



Webb, Amy  
Welch, Lonnie  
West Dina  
West, Mitchell  
Westbrook, Eddy  
Westfall, Barbara  
White, Lane



Wiggins, Wendall  
Wiegmann, Stacy  
Williams, David  
Williams, Pam  
Williams, Ronnie  
Wilson, Susan  
Wink, Karen



Wink, Linda  
Wink, Tammy  
Winters, Marty  
Wisenor, Wendi  
Woodward, Wilma  
Woolsey, April  
Word, Matt



“I feel that all the students are coming together to make West Monroe look good.  
Tracy Johnson.”



“We Have better school spirit than last year.  
Jason Pleasant”







**SEEN OFTEN ON WMHS** stage, junior Mike Banks became involved in community theatre by playing young Huey Long in 1981's Louisiana Legend production of "Callie's Boy."

## Developing 'character' is actor's hardest task

At an age when many young boys are more interested in baseball than anything else, Mike Banks made his stage debut in the NLU Children's Theatre production of "The Emperor's New Clothes."

Since that day when he was 12, Mike has been cast in 10 additional plays, including a starring role in the 1981 Louisiana Legend production of "Callie's Boy."

"That was the most challenging part that I've had. It was hard to get into the character of young Huey Long," commented Mike. To learn more about the individual, Mike read biographies and then "put the character into what I thought he would be."

The motivation and excitement doesn't decrease with each performance for Mike. "As soon as I get on stage, the anxiety goes away," he said.

Before graduation, Mike hopes to act in a serious play here at school.

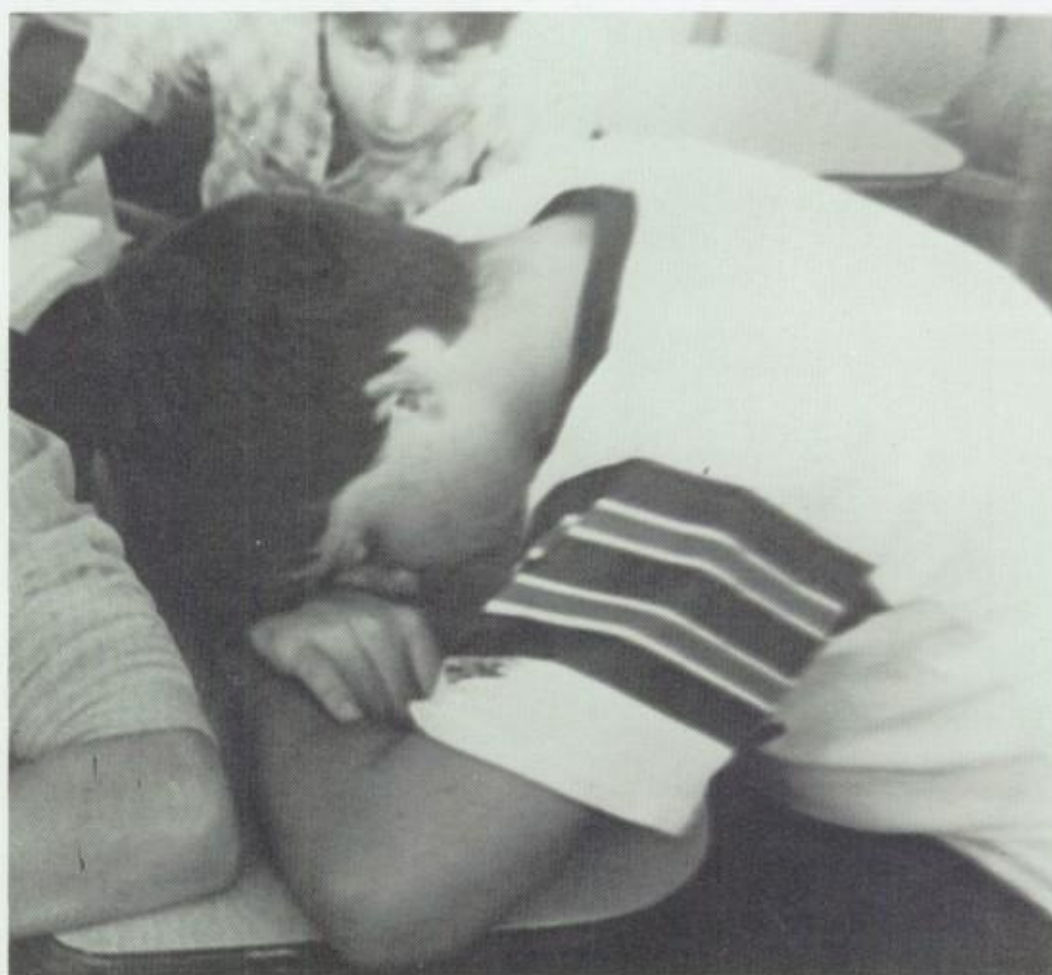
Advice that he offers to aspiring performers is that acting is "hard work. You have to work at your character ... getting into character is the hardest part of acting."



Yarbrough, Guy  
York, Kerri  
Young, Karen



Young, Sharon  
Zimmer, Becky



**CLARK COOPER** pauses briefly at the end of the period before going to his next class.

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## Vickie Mason wins office after revision of SC Constitution

Elections were held differently this year from the years past. Adopted from the constitution that was revised in May, candidates had to write a letter of intent and obtain a 50-signature petition.

"The constitution was revised to obtain more student involvement," said Mrs. Jeannette Harris, a Student Council advisor. "From the results, it looks as though the revision is working!"

Serving as officers of the Sophomore Class during 1981-1982 are president, Vickie Mason; vice-president, Chris LeBrun; secretary/treasurer, Melanie Reppond; representative, Allison Adair, Amy Meadows, and Susan Davis.



SOPHOMORE class officers are Chris LeBrun, Vickie Mason, Allison Adair, Melanie Reppond, Amy Meadows, and Susan Davis.

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Adams, Scotty  
Albritton, Kirk  
Aldridge, Gary  
Aldridge, Michelle  
Alexander, Kim  
Allen, Dallas

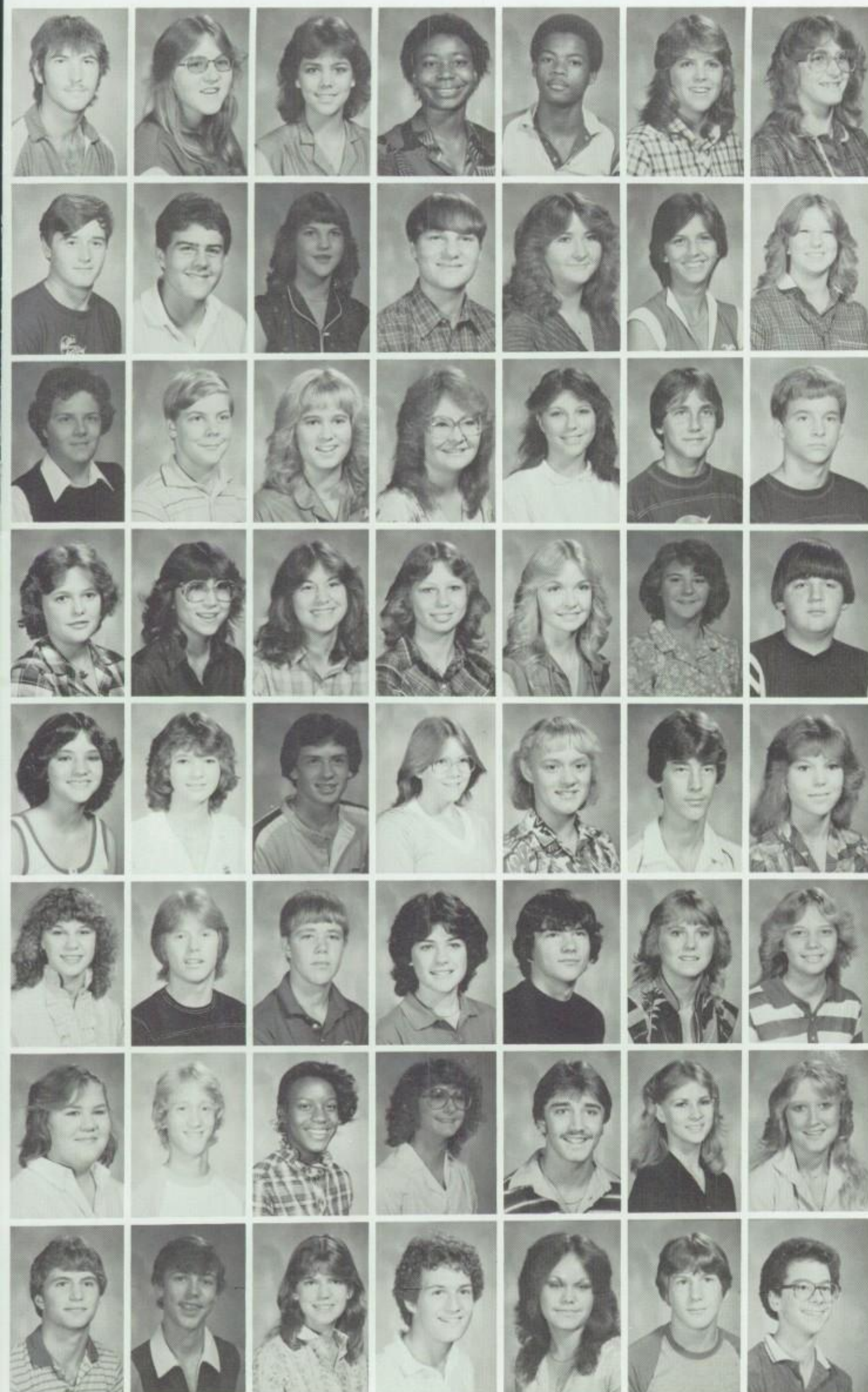
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Anderson, Steve  
Anding, Teresa  
Armstrong, Tracy  
Arrant, Jim  
Auger, Kandi  
Bailey, Jerome

Banks, Kim  
Bates, Lorraine  
Baugh, Marilyn  
Baugh, Tammy  
Bayles, Pam  
Beasley, Kim  
Beckly, Austin

Beebe, Jennifer  
Bennett, Kim  
Benton, Tom  
Bertram, Brenda  
Bilton, Lisa  
Birkicht, Tina  
Bishop, Andy







Black, Joey  
Bledsoe, Kim  
Bloschal, Tim  
Bluford, Yolanda  
Boatener, Pat  
Bonner, Renea  
Bonnett, Frances

Bonnett, John  
Bostick, Terry  
Bounds, April  
Bowen, Don  
Boyd, Paris  
Boyett, Kelly  
Boyles, Ann

Boyte, Tim  
Branch, Ronald  
Brandin, Jerri  
Brown, Cheryl  
Brown, Deanne  
Brown, Kenneth  
Brown, Kim

Brown, Lori  
Bryant, Lisa  
Bunn, Susan  
Burch, Laura  
Burkett, Janice  
Burney, Kelly  
Burrows, Jay

Butler, Kathy  
Caldwell, Tammy  
Calhoun, Kevin  
Caples, Melissa  
Caples, Shiela  
Carey, Donald  
Caringer, Shiela

Cash, Penny  
Castle, Mark  
Chapman, Richie  
Chesney, Audra  
Clark, James  
Clark, Kim  
Clark, Rhonda

Clark, Sandra  
Clampit, John  
Clay, Sharon  
Clouarte, Lisa  
Cloud, Dale  
Cody, Debbie  
Cole, Gina

Collins, John  
Copes, Greg  
Cordry, Cathy  
Cox, Mike  
Cox, Tammy  
Crowell, Jay  
Crump, Brian



**ATTENDING** the outdoor pep rally, sophomores show their rebel spirit.

Cummings, Greg  
Cummings, Mary  
Cummings, Paul  
Curry, Becky



Dalton, Lisa  
Danklefsen, Steve  
Daniel, Brian  
Davis, Reggie



Davis, Susan  
Davis, Terry  
Davis, Thomas  
Dean, Michelle



Delrio, Lisa  
Dickens, Lavell  
Dicks, Butch  
Dison, Gina



Disotell, Lonnie  
Dodson, Plummer  
Donaldson, Dianna  
Dortch, Missy



Downs, Brent  
Duart, Johnnie  
Dunn, Richard  
Dustin, Lavonne



**STANLEY MCCANDLISH** concentrates while typing his five minute timed writing.



“We’re Lookin’ Good because West Monroe High School does certain things which promote school spirit which every student seems to always have.”  
Kenny Guillot



“We’re Lookin’ Good because we exercise good sportsmanship and lots of school spirit.”  
Gina Wyatt





## Soph enjoys showing prize-winning Brahma

"The greatest satisfaction is being around animals," said Terri Martin, who has shown sheep and cattle at livestock shows all over the state during the last six years. Red Revolution, her Brahma bull which is nearly six feet tall, has won Grand Champion in Delhi, Monroe, and Shreveport in one year. She now shows his son, Little Revolution. Terri has shown Little Revolution for three years, since he was 8 months old. He had won third in class: Senior Red Brahma Bull.

"It takes a lot of patience, hard work, and getting dirty to take care of cattle or any other big animal," she said. She has to wash, brush, and groom her bull before every show. She added "It's fun to show stock at the fair."



AFTER THE LOUISIANA State Fair in October, Terri Martin helps unload her prize Brahma Little Revolution at her Strozier Road home.

# FOCUS



Dyke, Les  
Edminston, Albert  
Edwards, Deon  
Edwards, Rod  
Edwards, Scott  
Elee, James



Ellis, John  
Ellis, Jeri  
Emory, Robert  
Eppinette, Todd  
Ethington, Mike  
Evans, Claire



Evans, Clyde  
Evans, Darrell  
Evans, Jutina  
Evans, Lisa  
Evans, Teresa  
Farrar, Kelli



Faulk, Teresa  
Feazel, Bill  
Fisher, Cam  
Foote, Tracy  
Ford, John  
Foster, Shane



Foster, Veronica  
Foust, Scott  
Franks, Frosty  
Frantom, Bubba  
Frantom, Celeste  
Frost, Dianne



Fuller, Rusty  
Fuller, William  
Fullerton, Charlene  
Furlow, Tina  
Futrell, Christy  
Futch, Florene



Futch, Tracy  
Garmon, Holly  
Garrett, David  
Gaston, Billy  
Gaston, Rory  
Gathright, Darla  
Ghrigsby, Barbara



Gibson, Lisa  
Gilbert, Tini  
Gilliland, Sandy  
Ginn, Dewitt  
Glass, Marti  
Glennon, Rhonda  
Godwin, Lori



Gonzales, Keith  
Gray, Ann  
Gray, Lisa  
Grazier, Amanda  
Gregory, Todd  
Green, Alan  
Gresham, Libby



Griffin, Garrett  
Griggs, Bobby  
Griggs, Junior  
Guillot, Kenny  
Guillot, Leo  
Gum, Kevin  
Hale, Deborah



Hall, Donna  
Hall, Mike  
Hammons, Kim  
Hargrove, Billie  
Harrist, Lori  
Hay, Deborah  
Hayes, Kelli



Heisler, Randy  
Hembree, Johnny  
Hendon, Jason  
Hendry, Melony  
Hennigan, Lee  
Hernandez, Renee  
Herrington, Buddy



Hicks, Mark  
Hodnett, Derek  
Hoff, Barbara  
Holder, Jackie  
Holton, Kim  
Holton, Ray  
Holbrook, Jana



Hollier, Michael  
Honeycutt, Sharon  
Hood, Allison  
Horvath, Joe  
Howard, Michelle  
Howard, Myra  
Howard, Paul





## Sophs explain reasons for WM 'lookin' good'

"I feel West Monroe is looking good because of the student body looking good. Octagon and Interact plus many other clubs are shaping the way the school is putting out. West Monroe is known throughout the state as a state with pride — Western Pride," said Gary Aldridge, referring to his feelings about WMHS.

Some of the factors contributing to WMHS "lookin' good" are the teachers.

"The teachers care about us and how they teach us," replied Brian Johnson.

Another contribution is the Christian fellowship.

"We're looking good because of the fellowship. People are becoming

closer and closer through the Christian Organizations," was Nita Young's reaction.

Derek Hodnett said, "West Monroe High School is looking good because of all the good-looking girls."

Several of the sophomores think the spirit is what causes WMHS to "look good."

"We have lots of school spirit which brings us all together at the pep rallies," said Dawn Pippens.

"West Monroe is looking good because of many new additions including the library and all of the sophomore guys," said Allison Hood.

According to many of the sophomores, West Monroe is looking good in every way.

**SHARON HONEYCUTT AND SUSAN GLASS** enthusiastically support the music during pep rallies, as they do an impromptu dance at the last pep rally.



**AMONG THE MOST VOCAL** supporters of WMHS, the Rebelettes cheer not only during pep rally but also during games. Membership in Rebelettes is comprised primarily of sophomore girls.



Howard, Susie  
Howard, Tim  
Hudnall, Jennifer

Humphries, Linda  
Humphreys, Ted  
Irving, Larry

Jackson, Liddie  
Jackson, Randy  
Jennings, Stephan

Jernigan, Jan  
Jimenez, Cindi



Jinks, Kent  
Johnson, Brian  
Johnson, Jeanne  
Johnson, Kathy  
Johnston, Andy  
Jones, Liz  
Kapp, Wendy



Karr, Keith  
Kee, Ronald  
Kendrix, Jackie  
Kendrix, Lisa  
Knox, Ginger  
Lacomb, Blake  
Lagrone, Mark



Langston, Sam  
Lankford, Trey  
Lassiter, Ann  
Lawrence, Linda  
Lawrence, Michael  
Lazenby, Jeff  
LeBrun, Chris



Lee, Betty Sue  
Lewellyan, Michelle  
Lewis, Brian  
Lewis, Michelle  
Lindsey, Joe  
Little, Todd  
Lofton, Scott



Logan, Buron  
Long, Slade  
Magee, Tracy  
Martin, Chris  
Martin, Larry  
Martin, Sherry  
Martin, Terri



Martindale, Chuck  
Manning, Linda  
Mason, Vickie  
May, David  
Mayo, Michelle  
McBroom, Sharon  
McCandlish, Stanley



McCarty, Pam  
McCarvill, Preston  
McClain, Eddie  
McCrory, Tracy  
McCuin, Janet  
McCullen, Troy  
McDuffie, Mark



McGee, Paul  
McGee, Randy  
McGhee, Susan  
McGough, Dewane  
McLead, Jay  
Meadows, Amy  
Mesom, Carla



Meredith, John  
Miller, Mark  
Milstead, Mark  
Milton, David  
Mobley, Kevin  
Moore, Cindy  
Moore, Dawn





## Sophomore golfer places 16th in state



**HIGHLAND PARK** Country Club provides the ideal practice location for Tim Nelson.

The state tournament, Twin City Junior Tournament, Bayou DeSiard Club championship, and the Pacemaker Tournament are among these that sophomore golfer Tim Nelson has entered.

"I love golf!" said Tim, who has been playing for five years and who plans to continue in college, "hopefully on a scholarship."

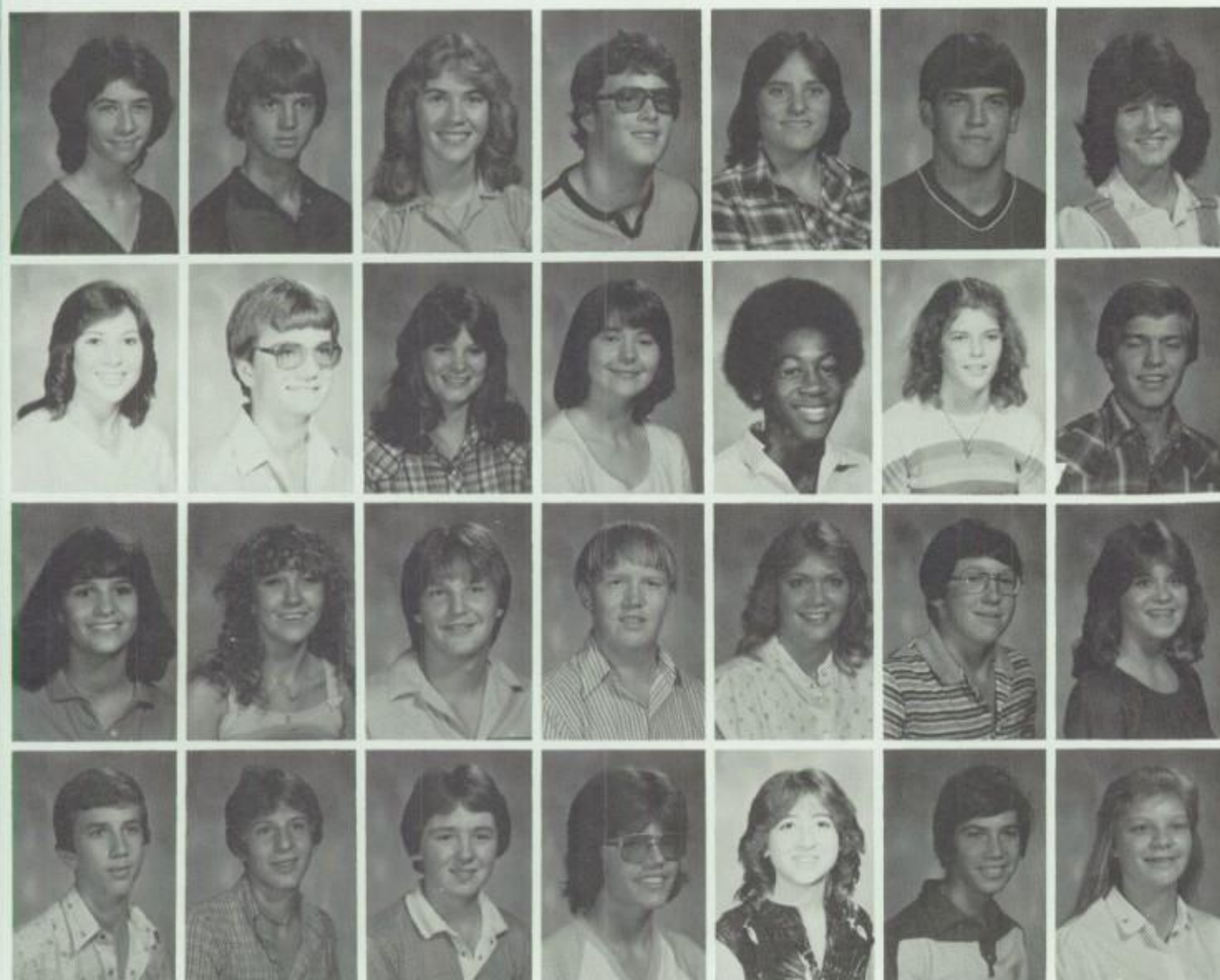
In the '81 state tournament,

Tim placed 16th overall of the more than 100 young golfers.

At least six hours of practice is scheduled by Tim during the summer, with a three-hour practice during the winter for Tim.

To help perfect his technique, Tim has attended a golf camp in Florida for the past three years.

In addition to golf, Tim enjoys hunting, fishing, basketball, and skiing. His favorite? Golf!



Morris, Lisa  
Moses, John  
Muckleroy, Judy  
Mulhearn, Tom  
Murphy, Tommy  
Murray, Mike  
Myers, Charity

Nelson, Melinda  
Nelson, Tim  
Netherland, Lisa  
Newsom, Carolyn  
Norman, Fred  
Norman, Leatha  
O'Briant, Paul

Ochs, Lauri  
Odom, Sandy  
Osborn, Lane  
Osborne, Patrick  
Osborne, Peggy  
Orr, Danny  
Otts, Dewana

Owens, Benji  
Owens, Chris  
Parker, Kevin  
Parks, Paul  
Peske, Jennifer  
Prestridge, Ronald  
Peters, Kim



Peterson, Damon  
 Pettis, Tammy  
 Phillips, Jonathon  
 Pike, Roger  
 Pippens, Dawn  
 Pittman, Keith  
 Pleasant, Joey



Powers, Wana  
 Prater, Stefanie  
 Prestridge, Debbie  
 Purvis, Ricky  
 Rea, Kevin  
 Reagan, Rhonda  
 Redden, Rebecca



Reed, Mona  
 Reeves, Candace  
 Renfrow, Shaw  
 Reppond, Melanie  
 Rice, Lisa  
 Richardson, Jody  
 Robert, Lisa



Robinson, Greg  
 Rodgers, Debbie  
 Rogers, Kim  
 Rogers, Sean  
 Rogers, Toni  
 Roye, Jamie  
 Rugg, Rex



Russell, Jamie  
 Rutledge, Brenda  
 Rutledge, Kevin  
 Samples, Angela  
 Sanders, Michael  
 Sanders, Steve  
 Sanderson, Lori



Sanderson, Gail  
 Sargent, Tracy  
 Saxon, Cleve  
 Schexnaira, Sherrie  
 Scott, Laura  
 Seab, Scott  
 Sealy, Lyn



“We’re Lookin’  
 Good because  
 we are united in  
 school spirit.”  
 Jeanne  
 Johnson ””



“We’re Lookin’  
 Good because of  
 the way the  
 students react  
 and treat each  
 other.”  
 Susan  
 Davis ””







## Champion equestrian enjoys barrel racing

Barrel racing since the age of five, sophomore Kandi Auger won the American Junior Quarter Horse Championship last year.

A member of the High School Rodeo Association, Kandi has spent at least an hour daily this year practicing her new horse Shazam. A trainer assist her three days.

Also a member of the Northeast La. Barrell Racing Association and the AJQHA, Kandi placed 10th in the world in the 18 and under in barrell racing when she was 13.

Racing is a family tradition for Kandi. "My mom and aunt handed it down to me, and I like it," she commented.

A CHAMPION HORSEMAN, Kandi Auger participates in rodeos and competition throughout the South.



Seamon, Pam  
Shannon, Robert  
Shelton, Michelle  
Sills, Susan  
Sikes, Mark  
Simpson, Craig



Sims, Gerald  
Smith, Curtis  
Smith, Laura  
Smith, Lisa  
Smith, Stacey  
Smith, Tracy



Snowden, Anngernettad  
Socha, Lynn  
Spillers, Doug  
Spillers, Lisa  
Spivey, Craig  
Stein, Crystal



Stephenson, Melonie  
Stewart, Scott  
Strover, Roger  
Sullivan, Donnie  
Sullivan, Kenneth  
Sullivan, Ronnie



Sullivan, Sherie  
Sullivan, Sonya  
Tan, Julie  
Tanner, Charles  
Tatum, Kevin  
Taylor, Darlene



Taylor, Gary  
Taylor, Jeff  
Taylor, Todd  
Thames, Carol  
Thomas, Scott  
Thomas, Veronica



Thompson, Connie  
Thompson, Howard  
Thurston, Hank



Tidwell, Lori  
Tisdale, Rhonda  
Titsworth, Jennie



Traweek, Carlton  
Trayla, Don  
Treno, Michael



Trichell, Lori  
Usroy, Tonya  
Vallery, Darl



VanBuren, Faye  
Varner, Glen  
Verrett, Jeff



Waggoner, Terry  
Walsh, Richard  
Ward, Rhonda



Ware, Karen  
Warlick, Rhonda  
Waterhouse, James



Weaver, Caroline  
Weems, Connie  
Weems, Kevin



Weems, Pam  
Wells, Natalie  
Wheat, Brian



IN KEEPING HIS OWN ADVICE, Randy Heisler practices his music, particularly piano, daily.



AS A FOOTBALL MANAGER, Chris LeBrun does his best to keep the Rebels, and the sophomores, "lookin' good."



## Young musician hopes to be concert pianist

At the age of five, Randy Heisler began to develop his musical interest by "banging on the piano." Since then, he has played in several competitions, Randy has rated superior for the past two years at the Northeast Music Festival and the Northeast Music Rally. Playing classical music is required at these competitions.

Randy, who began in the fall under the direction of Dr. Cornell from NLU, plays a variety of music. Concerning the types of music he liked, Randy replied, "I love music, any kind; it doesn't really matter." However, he added that he does prefer it to be stimulating.

Randy plans to go to NLU and a special music school, although he's not sure which one yet. Even though he plans to be an all-around musician, one ambition of Randy's is to be a concert pianist. Approximately an hour and a half every day after school is devoted to practice since he began his formal training. But in the meantime, he hopes to be an accompanist for church and school choirs.

As a musician he rates himself, "Good! Better than the average 10th grader and higher than my age level." For Randy, his own best advice is, "If you like music, follow it up and don't quit!"



Wheat, Mary Ann  
White, Christy

**SOPHOMORES WERE SHOWN** around campus at Orientation where they were told of the many activities at WMHS.



Whittington, Penny  
Whitton, Karen  
Wiggins, Beverly  
Wilbanks, Jana  
Wilson, Cassandra  
Wilson, Cynthia  
Wilson, Karen

William, Winn  
Williams, Deborah  
Williams, Freeman  
Williams, Jeff  
Williams, Joan  
Wilham, Karen  
Williamson, Rayne

Winn, William  
Wisenor, Stacey  
Witlock, Christy  
Wood, David  
Wood, Karen  
Woodruff, Wendy  
Worley, Kim

Wright, Donna  
Wyatt, Gina  
Young, Giner  
Young, Nita  
Zeigler, Debbie  
Zeigler, Tracey  
Ziesel, Paul



## Principal remains active in sports



**TO HELP CELEBRATE** his birthday, Principal Cecil Pirkey prepares to cut

a cake decorated with a scene of one of his favorite pastimes, golf.

"Combining administration and coaching has kept the job interesting," commented Principal (and assistant junior varsity football coach) Cecil Pirkey.

After playing professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles, Mr. Pirkey began what was to be a four-year coaching career before he was moved into the administrative offices. At WMHS he had been an assistant principal for curriculum and now principal, a post he had had for the last four years.

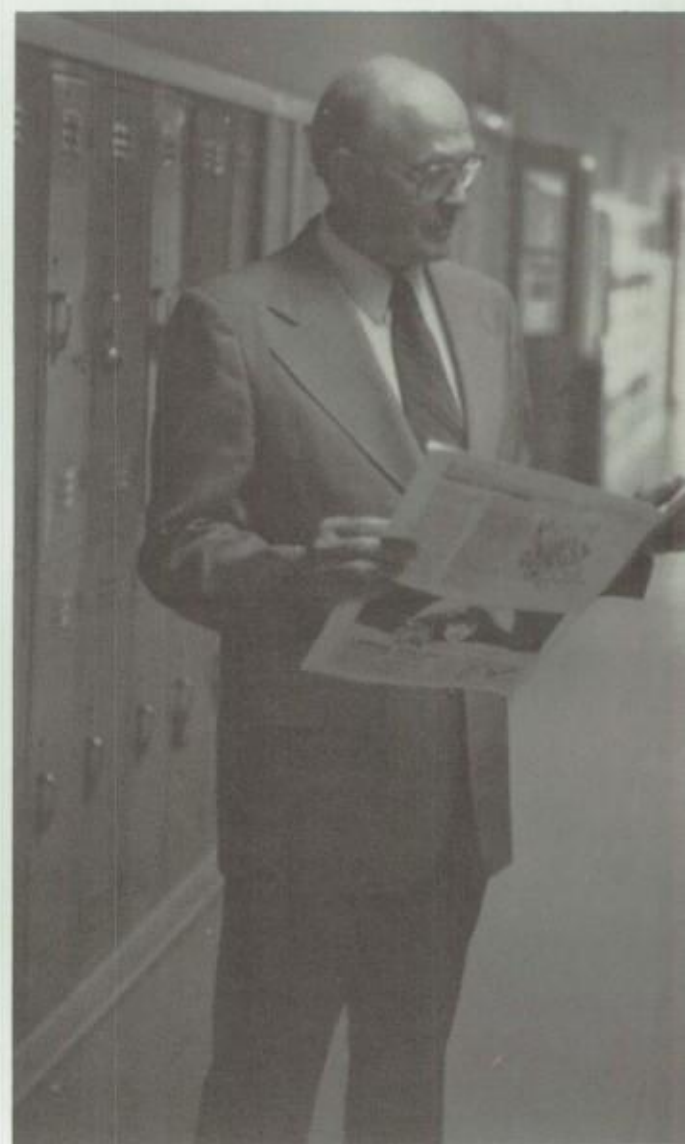
Last year Mr. Pirkey assumed the coaching responsibilities for the Lady Rebels' basketball team, following the resignation at mid-term of the girls' coach. Under his coaching, the Lady Rebs went to the state playoffs, where they placed second in the state.

Mr. Pirkey has also managed to find time to assist with the junior varsity football team after school and during pre-season practices.



**HELPING TO MAKE WMHS** a better school are assistant principals Mr. Ken Bates, Mr. Gene Ford, Principal Cecil Pirkey, and assistant principal Mr. Walter Allen.

**THROUGH MONTHLY** issues of the Rebel Dispatch, Mr. Pirkey keeps up with the work that students put into the publication.







**EVEN AT CONCESSION BREAK,** administrators remain on duty as Mr. Walter Allen signs the check-out slip for Nicole Pinton to be checked out of school.



## Mr. Ken Bates

Disciplinary action for events that occur at school or on school buses is handled by Assistant Principal Ken Bates, who is in his 12th year as a WMHS administrator.

Prior to his appointment as an assistant principal, he was a football coach, having been named as an assistant coach for the Rebels in 1966.

A licensed referee in the state, Mr. Bates frequently referees at other high school's basketball games.

Mr. Bates noted that being a disciplinarian "is no glamorous job." He added, "In, fact, I've got job security. I've got the job in school that nobody else wants."



## Mr. Gene Ford

Founder and sponsor of the weekly Faculty Prayer Group, Assistant Principal Gene Ford handles scheduling and curriculum in the WMHS office.

Responsibility for monitoring the fund-raising activities of the student clubs also falls to Mr. Ford, as does the distribution, collection, and ordering of yearbooks.

In the first two weeks of each new semester, Mr. Ford's office is jammed with students requesting schedule changes, which mean that classes must be "leveled out" between teachers, another one of his tasks.

## Mr. Walter Allen

Improving attendance during his 10 years as assistant principal for attendance, Mr. Walter Allen, a former social studies teacher here.

Assigning tardy students to detention and scheduling parent conferences in the cases of excessive absences add to Mr. Allen's duties, as his office is one of the busiest each morning following home-room roll call.

Outside of school, Mr. Allen enjoys fishing. During the football season, he helped coach a West Ouachita Little Boys' Football League team for tackle II.





**Seniors Ashley Titus** and Renee Barnes work on absentees in fourth period office training.

**Mrs. Sarah Allen** talks to a parent on the phone about a change of class schedule.

## Support personnel efficiently handles essential services

With Mrs. Mary McCoy on sabbatical leave, seniors, juniors, and sophomores were scheduled to confer during each semester with the three remaining guidance counselors. Their main purpose is to be there when a student needs their professional attention. "I wish I could take the students with problems home with me," commented Mrs. Sarah Allen who has been in counseling for nine years. Mr. Malory Banister, who has been in the teaching profession for 19 years, coordinates the parking tickets and the Student Council. In charge of the office training program and the National Honor Society is Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook.

To help students understand that a disability is not an excuse but rather - challenge to put forth extra effort is the purpose of the Compensatory Education program. A student is recommended for evaluation by a teacher. The pupil then takes an appraisal test to discover if the student is eligible for the program. Teaching this program are Mrs. Jeanne Pere and Mrs. Patricia Johnson. "The program helps students meet success when they couldn't before," commented Mrs. Johnson.

"Our main business is to provide various materials for students and teachers at WMHS," stated Mrs. Jane Hobgood, who has been here for 20 years. To provide more adequate spacing, a new wing was added in the rear, taking in what was a science room. Mrs. Shirley Rush has as worked as librarian at WHHS since 1970.

Faced with the responsibilities of greeting visitors and giving good first impressions of WMHS, the three secretaries are often taken for granted. Mrs. Mabel Teddlie also worked as school bookkeeper; Mrs. Martha Pennington is in charge of the machine room; and Mrs. Miriam Counts is secretary to Principal Cecil Pirkey.



**In a special education class,** Mrs. Patricia Johnson works out a problem with a student.

**Librarian Mrs. Jane Hobgood** assists P.E. student teacher Miss Belinda Turner in reference materials.





**The library serves** as a reference for all students who need materials.

**During a morning rush period,** Mrs. Martha Pennington and Mrs. Mabel Teddlie take care of check-in students.



**Guidance counselor** Mr. Mallory Banister displays his birthday cake given to him by the student council.



**“My primary goal is to never be too busy to be of assistance to everyone.”**  
Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook



**“More space to accomodate more students and bringing more of a library atmosphere has made our library look good this year.”**  
Mrs. Shirley Rush



Adair, Camille  
Adams, Pauls  
Allen, Sarah  
Anderson, Marguerite  
Ashbrook, Loretta  
Barham, Karla



Bass, Cathy  
Becton, Julia  
Burk, Juanita  
Calhoun, Joann  
Carter, Billie  
Colvin, Marian



Cook, Jeanette  
Fields, Shirley  
Ford, Aarnor  
Ford, Mary  
Foster, Betty  
Gates, Wanda



Harris, Jeanette  
Hobgood, Jane  
Jackson, Charles  
Johnson, Mary  
Johnson, Patricia  
Johnston, Jane



## Teacher by day, actress by night

### Teaching career lends itself to performing



**ONE OF THE ROLES** that Mrs. Cathy Webb, sophomore English teacher, played in "My Fair Lady" at the Little Theatre, was that of a maid.

"Comedy of Errors," "Mame" and "My Fair Lady" are among the plays that Mrs. Cathy Webb, sophomore English teacher, has been involved in during the past few years. Her first play was "Godspell" at the Little Theatre, one of her most recent.

Mrs. Webb has also directed plays at Parkview such as "The Harrowing of Hell" and "Sing Us a True Song."

"Playing is my recreation," explains Mrs. Webb. Practices for the plays usually require three or four hours a night for five nights a week. She commented, "Being a teacher lends itself to acting because it is performing."

In addition to acting, Mrs. Webb also finds time for refinishing antique furniture, playing racquetball, and snow skiing.





## Retiree returns to help

Due to an accident during the summer, Mr. Mallory Banister, guidance counselor and Student Council sponsor, was out of school for several months.

During his absence, arrangements had to be made to fulfill this capacity. Mrs. Coleen Mann agreed to work in the guidance office, since Mrs. Mary McCoy, also a counselor, was on sabbatical leave. Mrs. Mann, prior to her retirement, was on the faculty of West Monroe for 21 years. Her experiences included being

COE coordinator and guidance counselor. Mrs. Mann said both jobs are related because of the individual counseling. The "one-on-one contact" with the students is rewarding, she said.

Being back in school and getting acquainted with new teachers and faces was an enjoyable experience for her. Although being retired had no effect on her personal life, she has been keeping very busy, as she enjoys painting and spending time with her grandchildren.

## Former queen joins staff

An addition to the faculty this year is a former Miss Ouachita Parish. Mrs. Patricia Payne, choir director and 1971 beauty queen, met her husband during the pageant.

After teaching junior high students for seven years, Mrs. Payne said she was ready for a change. "If I were to start my career again, I would choose what I'm doing now if I knew I'd end up at WMHS," she explained.

Actively involved in church, Mrs. Payne teaches youth, plays the piano, and serves on three committees. Being a wife, mother, piano teacher, and member of a trio also occupy her time.

## PIPs offers pay increase

The majority of teachers here are completing their first year in the Professional Improvement Program (PIPs). Participation in this program is strictly voluntary and is offered only to tenured teachers.

Each participant receives salary increases based upon his or her years of teaching experience and points earned.

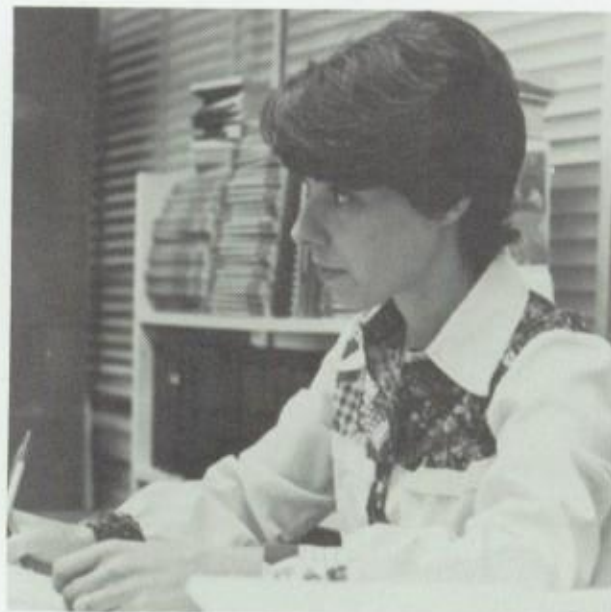
The purpose of PIPs is to offer the opportunity of professional growth to the teachers.

In the program, teachers must

earn a total of 300 points during a five-year comprehensive plan. They must earn a minimum of 50 points per year, with 30 points in the academic area and 20 in the area of inservice. College courses, workshops, conferences, seminars, and supervision of students teachers earn these points.

Although some teachers did not volunteer for PIPs, others, such as Mrs. Julia Becton have been actively involved in organizing and attending classes or workshops.

HAVING HELPED to interest teachers in NLU workshops, Mrs. Julia Becton commented, "It was the salary increase which interested the PIPs participants. All I did was be a go-between with teachers here and NLU."



**ADDED TO THE MUSIC** department this year, Mrs. Pat Payne conducts vocal music classes.



# For daily doldrums Weary teachers seek refuge

Few students ever see what's behind the hinged doors as teachers slip in and out of the teachers lounge. It's a room where teachers can escape from their usual classroom procedures involved with everyday teaching.

A peaceful and relaxed atmosphere offers teachers time to grade papers, have a soft drink or coffee with other faculty members. Possibly the biggest advantage of the teachers' lounge is that it provides a refuge for wary teachers to "break away" from the countless

number of students that surround them.

As Mr. Gene Williams noted, "It's a place to simply get away from it all."

"I have been in several schools, and this is the best teachers' lounge that I have been in," said Mrs. Jane Johnston.

Teachers can be found in the lounge before school, during lunch, or during their free period.

Besides being a refuge from classrooms, the lounge is a source of spiritual uplift at the faculty prayer meeting at 7:40 each Wednesday morning.



**IN THE NEW COFFEE** room adjacent to the guidance office, Mrs. Sarah Allen "takes a breather."

Long, Andy  
Long, Lajo  
McClure, Dan  
Miller, Nadine  
Nash, Johnny



Norris, Biddie  
Parsons, Lynn  
Payne, Patricia  
Peters, Roy  
Queen, Johnnie



Russell, Rotena  
Saulsbury, Sammie  
Schmidt, Frank  
Singleton, Billie  
Spears, Mike



Warner, James  
Webb, Cathy  
Williams, Gene  
Williams, Laverne  
Williams, Reba





## Family ties unite WMHS

In a town as small as West Monroe, with only one public high school, there are going to be relatives attending the same school.

West Monroe contains an almost complete family: Coach Jack Williams, wife, Mrs. Sue Williams, and son, Jay Williams. The Williams all agreed that this in no way presented a problem while it did aid in transportation. Mrs. Williams also commented that the situation was a comforting one because if an accident or illness occurred, there would be a member of the family to take care of it. Mrs. Williams also stated, "We really don't see that much of each other but knowing they're there gives me a sense of security."

Mr. Aarnor Ford and sister, Mrs. Jerri-dine Hester, Mrs. Camille Adair and daughter, Alison Adair, Mr. Gene Williams and wife, Mrs. Laverne Williams are among the faculty-to-faculty or faculty-to-students relationships at West Monroe.

## Home games take extra duty



AT HOME football games, Mrs. Evelena Johnston collects tickets at the main entrance.

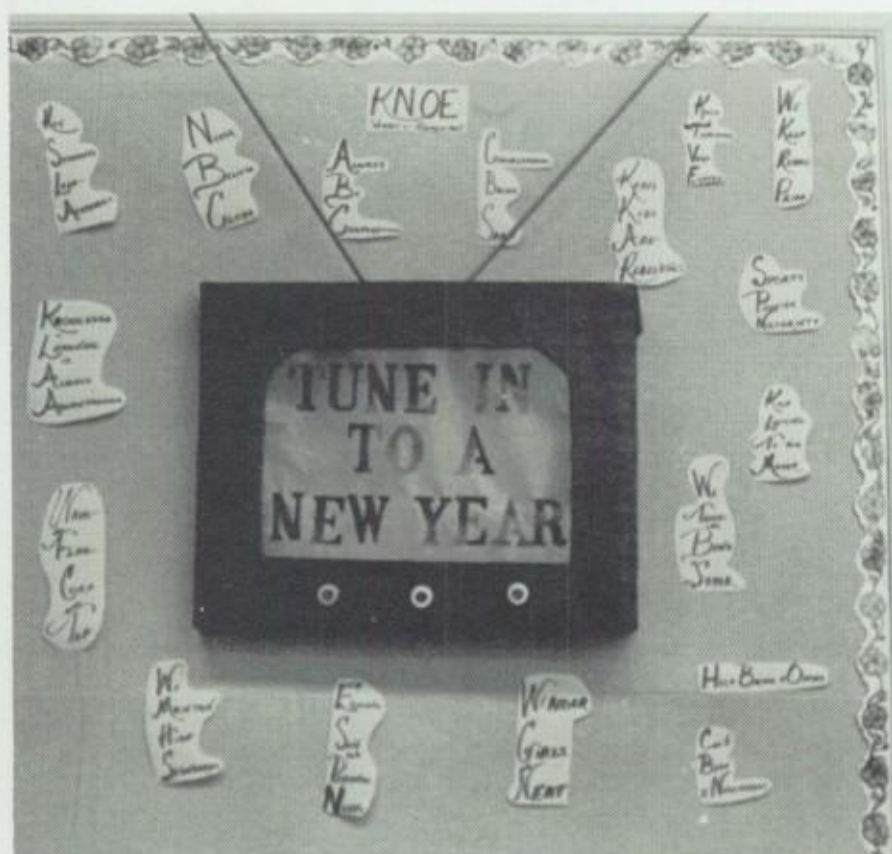
As if eight hours isn't enough for most teachers, some invest their extra time working at various locations during home football games.

One such person is Mr. Truett Thorn, who is in charge of getting teachers to work the games. "It gives me a good chance to meet people," he commented.

Mrs. Camille Adair is another of those volunteers, who can be found at the right gate beside the football locker room. "I like football anyway, so I might as well help," explained Mrs. Adair. Her job is to allow participants of school sports in the games free with their coach.

West Monroe's bookkeeper and secretary, Mrs. Mabel Teddlie, has been selling tickets for the last 10 years. "I want to be a part of the school," she said, "but I sure do miss seeing the half time shows."

"I enjoy working because I get to see former students and friends," stated Mrs. Jane Johnston, who starts at 6:30 and works until half-time. She also noted, "I find that the students are beginning to respect and honor the teachers working."



UNKNOWN TO HER at the time, the yearbook theme coincides with

Mrs. Saulsbury's first bulletin board.

## It's more than just a space

A bulletin board on a teacher's wall is eye-catching. Each board reflects that person's thoughts about a certain season of the year or certain school functions.

Ideas are obtained from previous boards, magazine articles, comic strips, TV, and coloring books. Bulletin boards can be elaborate, simple, or mediocre, according to the teacher's taste. The idea is to put the message across in the manner that is most appealing to the designer.

Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury displays her bulletin boards with her own personal touch. She decorates displays for both of the rooms in which she teaches.

Three-dimensional pictures and unique patterns catch the student's attention. These effects seem to add variety to the redundancy of boards.

"If I had the drawing ability, I would write a book on bulletin boards," stated Mrs. Saulsbury.



# SC lends help to daily activities

The maintenance and cafeteria staffs are headed by Mr. Roland Thomas and Mrs. Clara Elmore, respectively.

"I like my job and hope to continue to satisfy the students," stated Mrs. Elmore. A menu is sent from the central office to parish schools, yet Mrs. Elmore tries to adjust the menu to the students' satisfaction. Mrs. Elmore heads a staff of eight members with some student help.

Mr. Thomas heads a staff of 12 maids, five custodians, and 14 student workers. His main job is to repair anything not properly functioning and supply the WMHS staff with anything they need.

Through the efforts of Student Council members in a weekend convention last year, a new constitution was developed. Among the major changes was the requirement that prospective class officers had to petition for election.

Composed of 33 students with a grade point average of at least 2.5, the Student Council members sold parking stickers and issued tickets for parking violations.

Mrs. Jeannette Harris and Mr. Mallory Banister continued as sponsors of Student Council while Rodney McGowen completed his second year as SC president.



**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR** Mr. Roland Thomas discusses gym cleaning with Mr. Charles Norman.

**MRS. DOLLY HENRY** serves from the menu line while others serve the hamburger line.



## Mr. Thomas enjoys time with the kids'

"I love Kids; they're what makes the world go around," commented Mr. Roland Thomas, supervisor of the WMHS maintenance department.

After three years of employment here, Mr. Thomas said, "The only disadvantage of working here is not being able to spend very much time with the kids."

Here to open the school at 6 a.m., he frequently doesn't leave until the completion of activities scheduled at night, such as ball-games, dances, and plays.





**IN A WEEKEND SEMINAR** Student Council members deliberate on the wording of their new constitution with the help of Mr. John Weems.



**AMONG THE STUDENTS** who assist Mr. Thomas in the concession stand is Shereada Minniefield.

**UNDER THE SUPERVISION** of Mrs. Clara Elmore, cafeteria manager, Dolly Jenry and Opal Self prepare to serve at the second lunch shift.





WORKING SIDE BY SIDE with her Art II students, Mrs. Adams completes her own leather-tooled mushroom in a workshop conducted by Mrs. Jackie Dehon.

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Although she may be committed to complete many others tasks, Mrs. Paula Adams seldom says "no" when she is asked to do a project for someone. From working with the Senior Day at the Superintendent's Festival of the Arts to instructing classes during the Kiroli Park Day Camp in the summer, Mrs. Adams shares her artistic talents with those around her.

Having completed her art degree at Northeast Louisiana University, she later earned her master's degree from La. Tech.

When she is not involved with school or parish-wide projects, Mrs. Adams spends time with her favorite hobbies — restoring furniture for her home, working on her patio, and camping with her family. Very important is her family, composed of husband Don, daughter Dana, and son Willie.

As sponsor of the Art Club, Mrs. Adams chaperoned a trip for art students to Europe last summer, fulfilling a lifetime dream of hers. As a lover of sculpture and art, she enjoyed the trip and hopes to return.

"Lookin' Good" at West Monroe High School is due in part to the original and creative work done by a talented and involved teacher, with a willingness to help others, Mrs. Paula Adams.





**IN HER "UNIFORM"** OF a blue lab coat to protect herself from the various media used by her art students, Mrs. Adams supervises the work of Art I students in first period.

**PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE,** Bonne Brooks and Scott Holdiness follow the route traced by Mrs. Adams for their 10-day tour of Europe during the summer.



**DURING HER PLANNING PERIOD,** Mrs. Adams checks her midterm grade verification sheets in her room in the annex.



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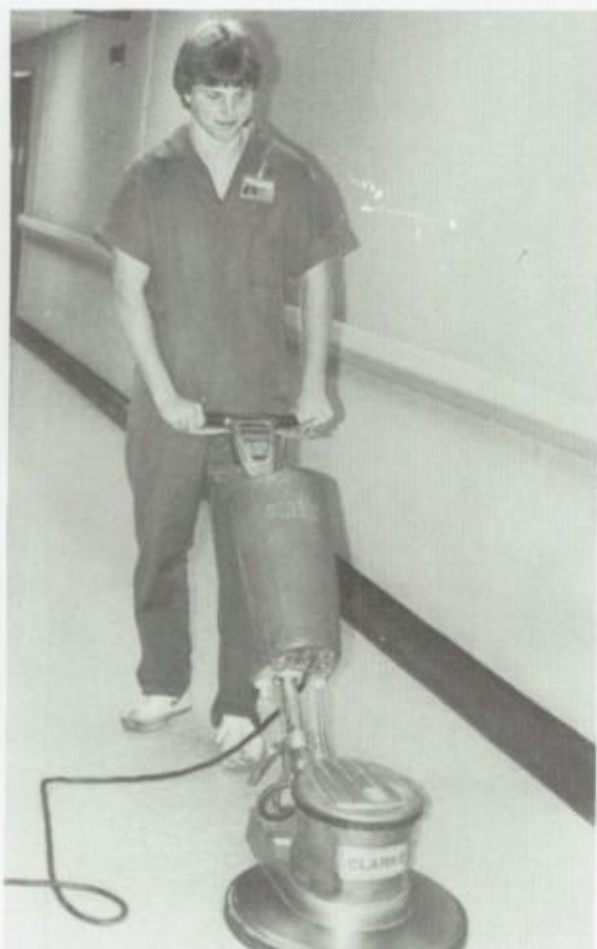


## 'All in the line -of duty'

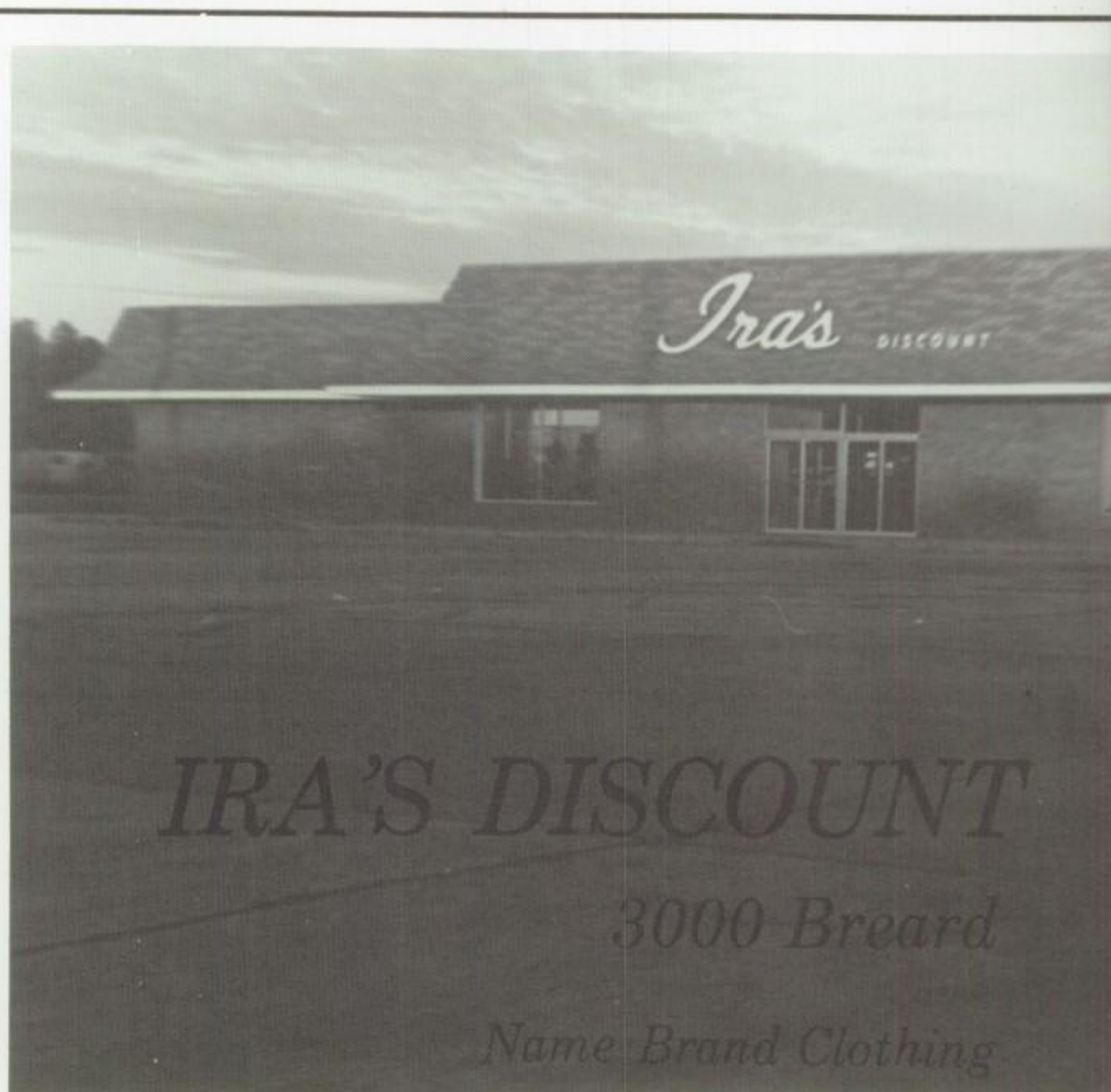
"Not many students are lucky enough to find a good summer job, so when you find one, you hate to quit it to go back to school," commented Drew Kennedy, who spent his summer working at Glenwood Regional Medical Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

"Mostly, all I did was clean the floors, but sometimes I moved furniture and supplies," he said. While his official title was maintenance man, he sometimes did things that were not in his line of duty. For example, he took amputated limbs and other parts of the body to the incinerator to be burned. "Someone had to do it," he explained.

How did Drew get his job? "Having connections" helped for Drew, who anticipates a medical career. For him, his summer job allowed him to obtain valuable first-hand experience. Although his future seems certain to be in medicine, Drew isn't sure whether he will return to his old job.



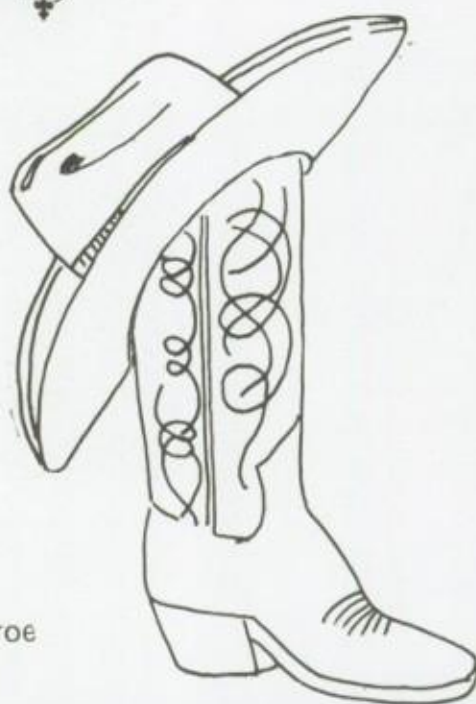
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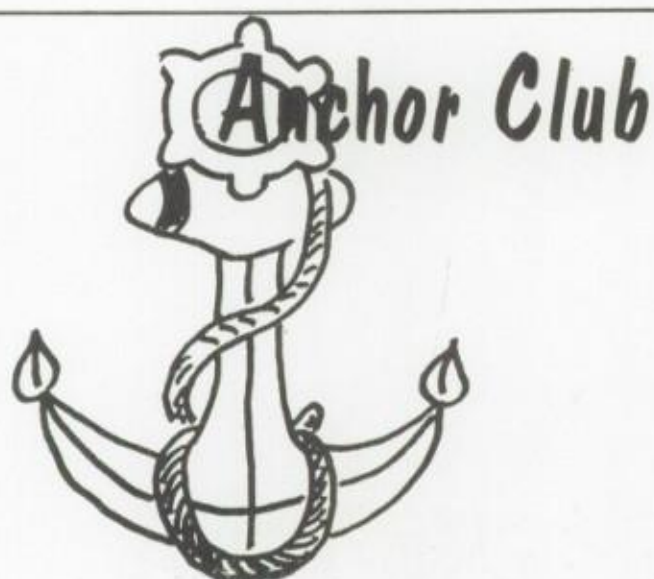


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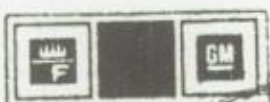
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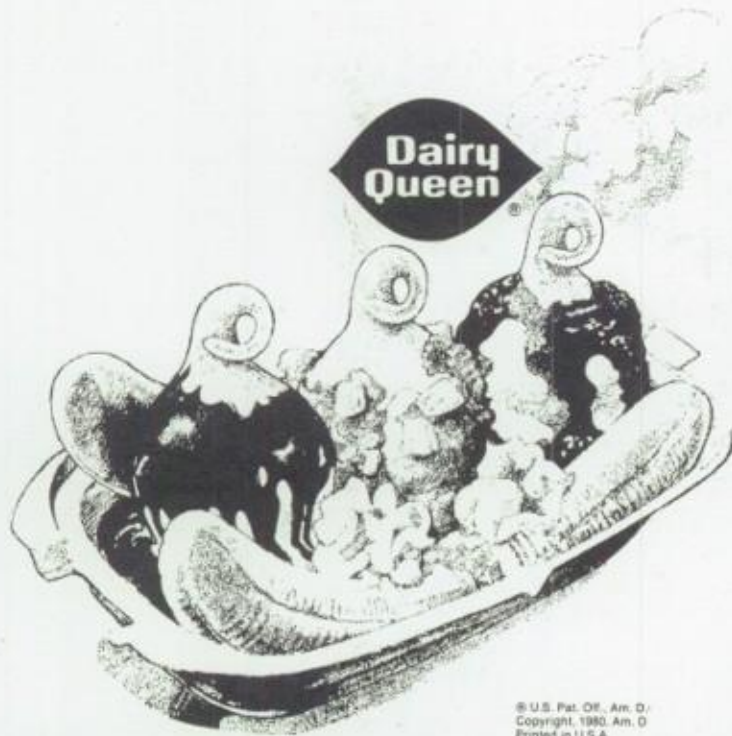
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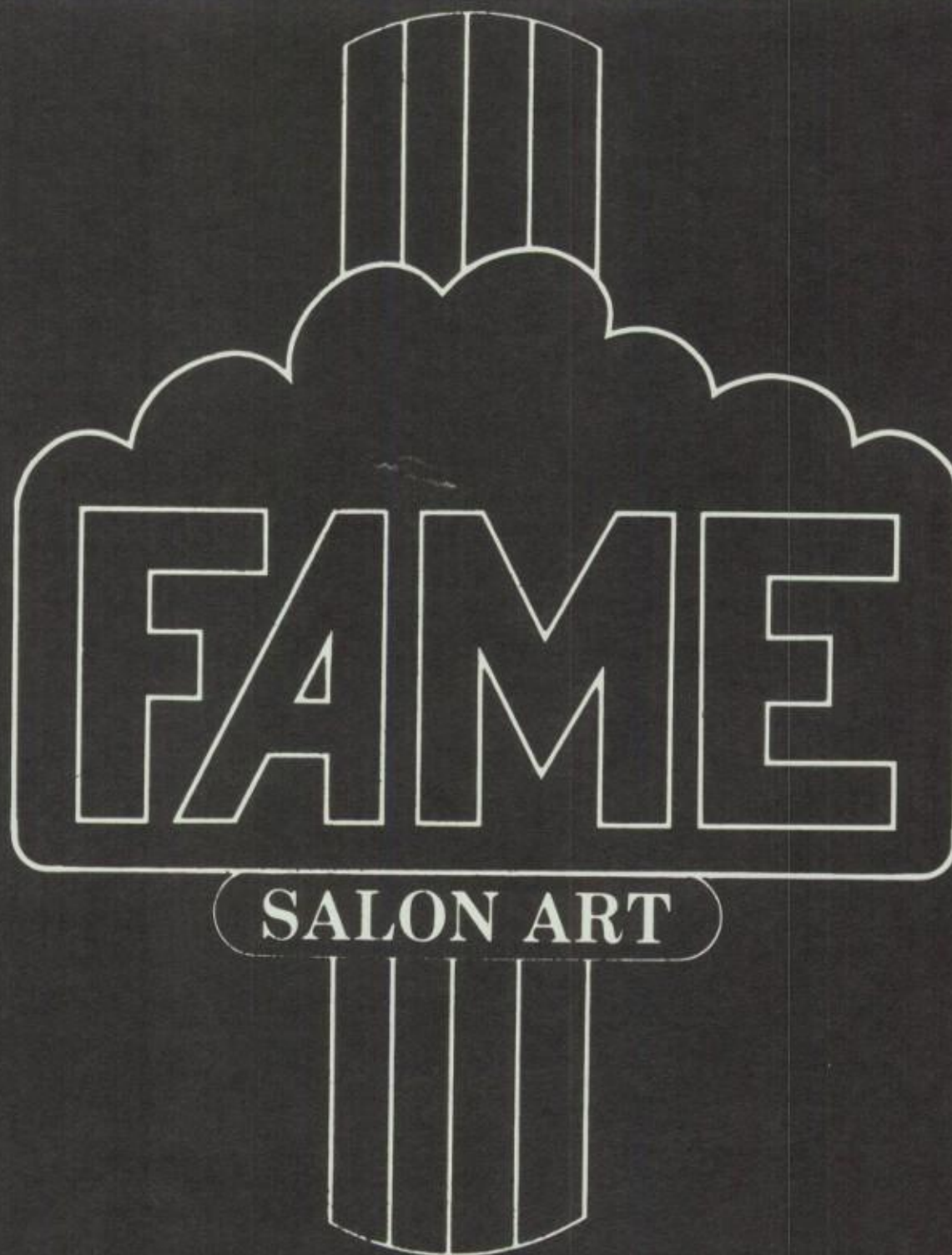
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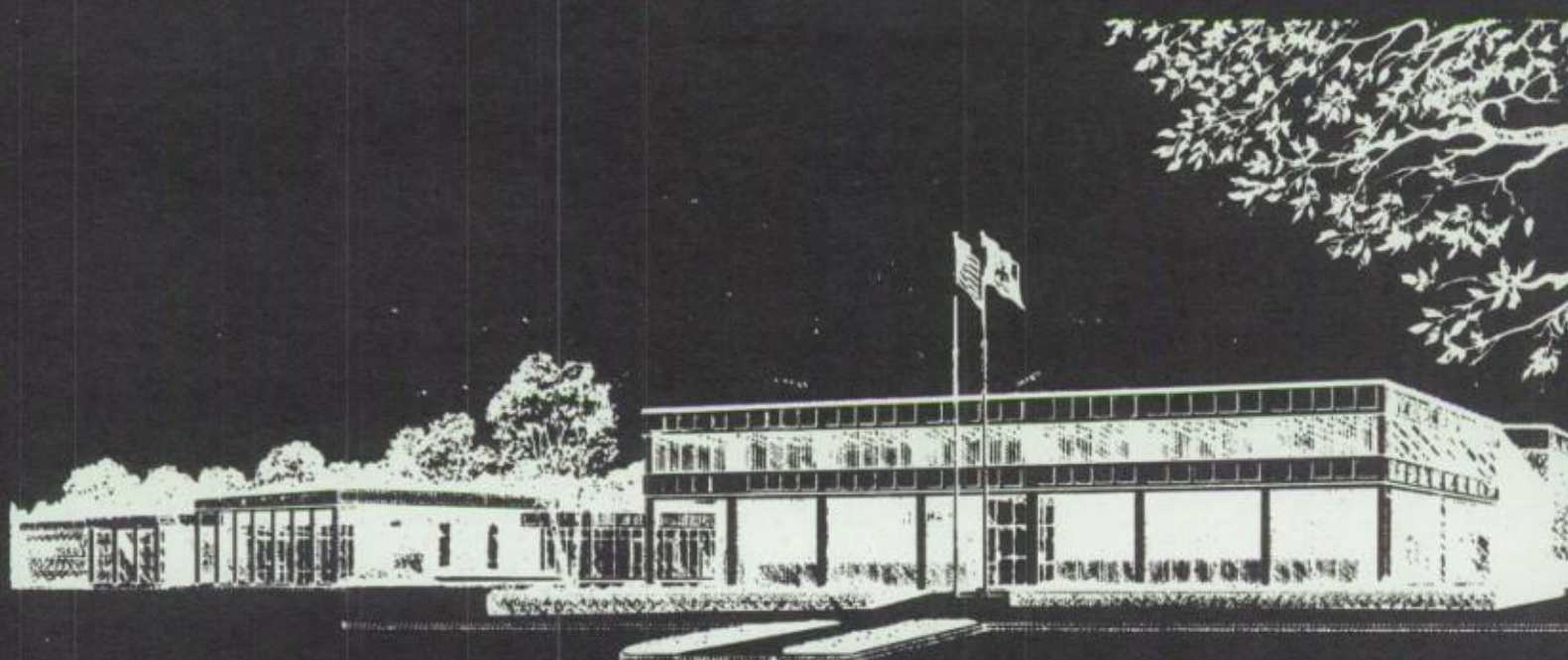
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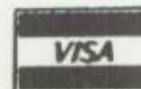
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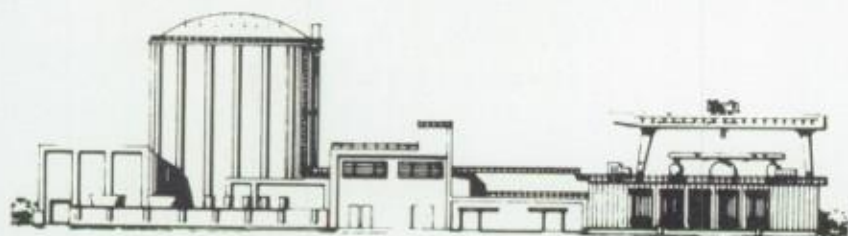
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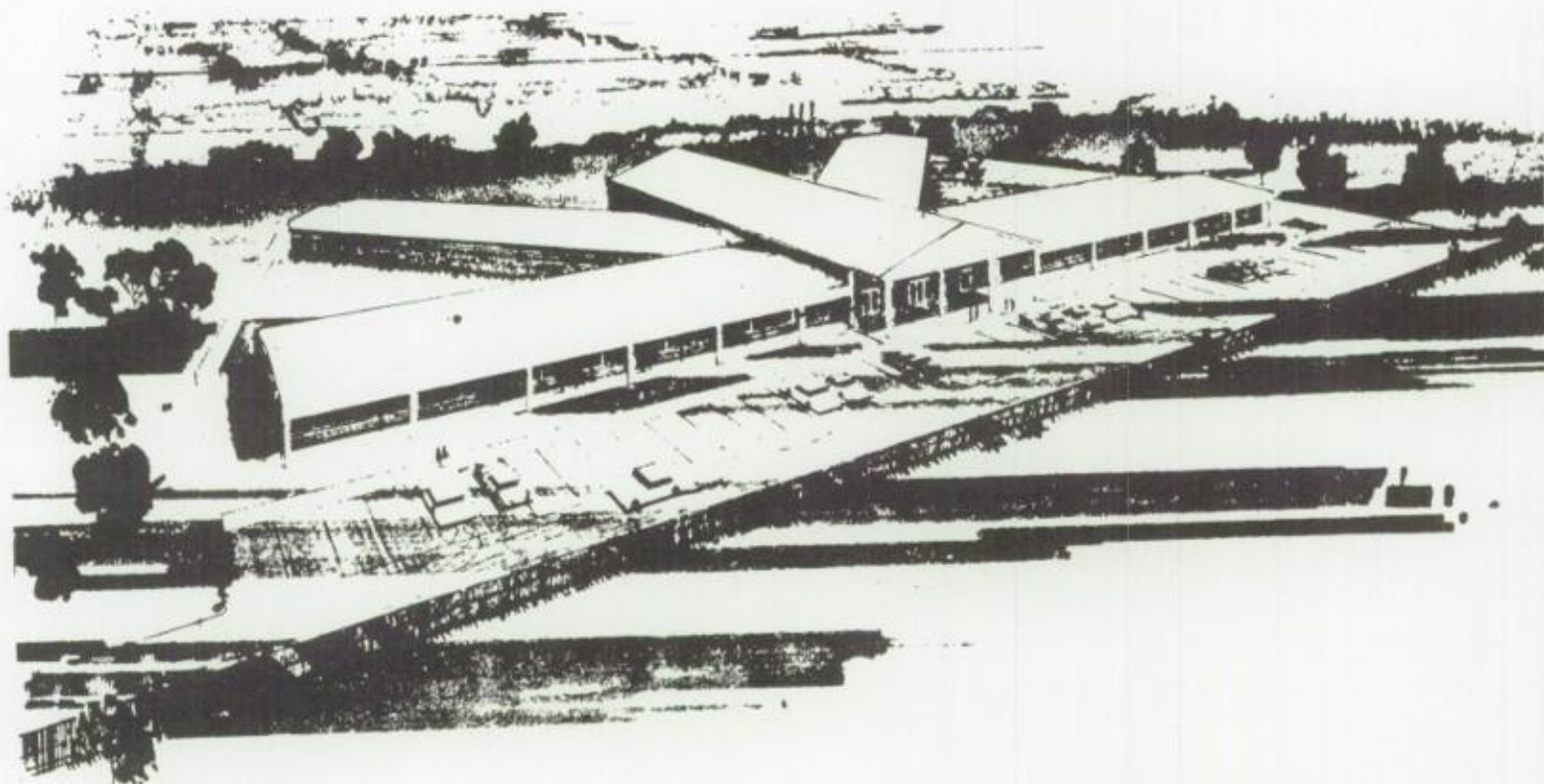
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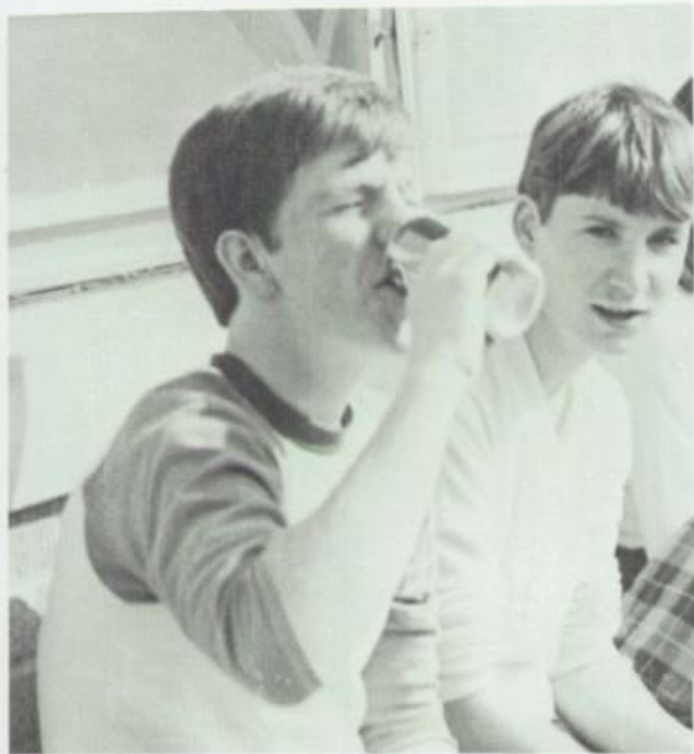
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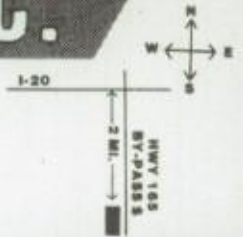


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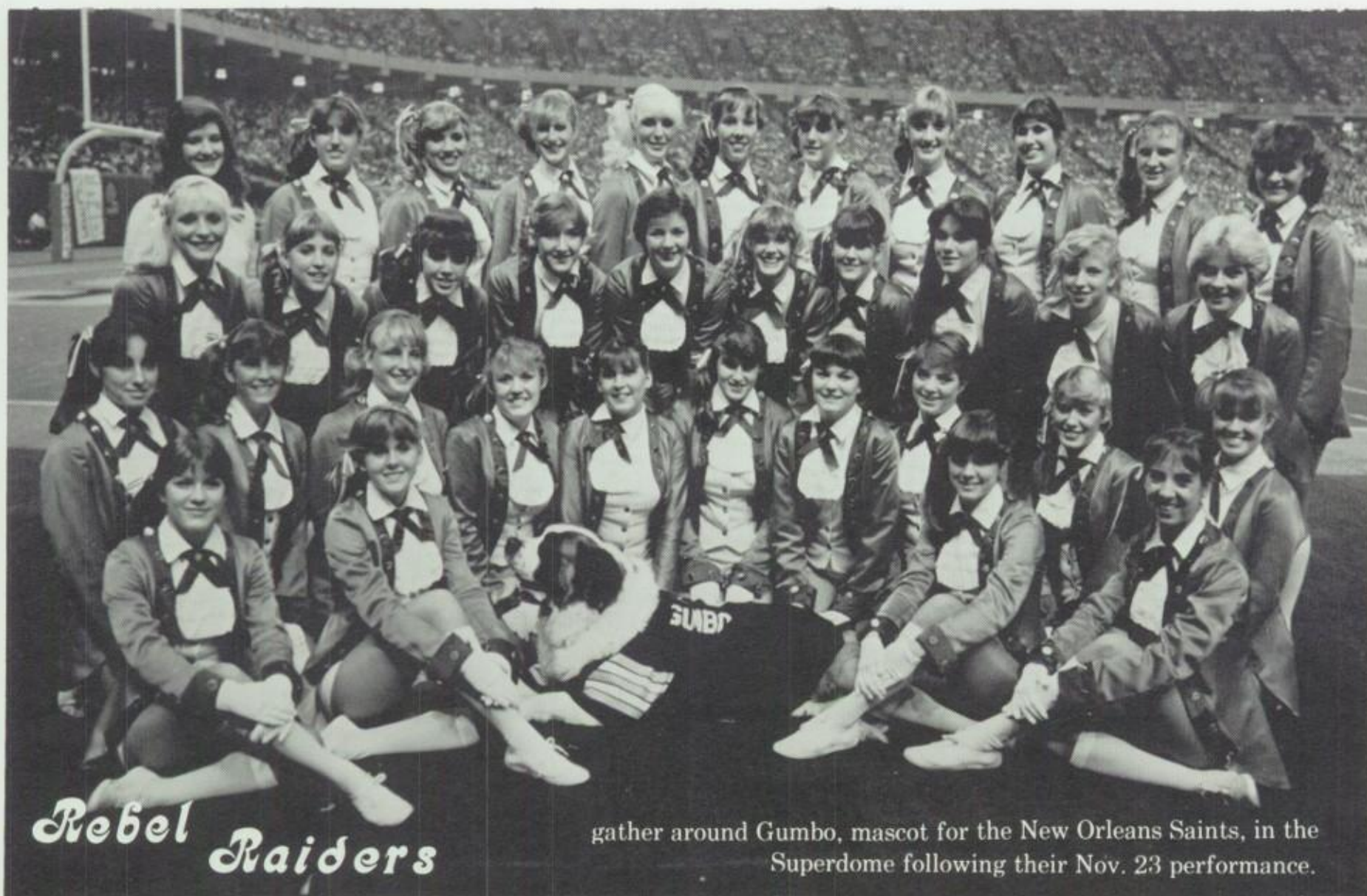
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# MORP Dance

## *Interact begins new tradition*

Of the 47 nominations for Interact's first **MORP Dance**, 10 young men were selected to be honored Jan. 23. Seniors on the court were Jay Bonner, Brett Cloyd, Stanley Dupuy, Rodney McGowen, and Jim Murray. Juniors

were Jim Herbet, Vaughn Landry, and Keith O'Briant, while Johnny Ford and Mark Sikes represented the sophomores. **Jim Murray** was named **MORP King** for receiving the highest number of votes.



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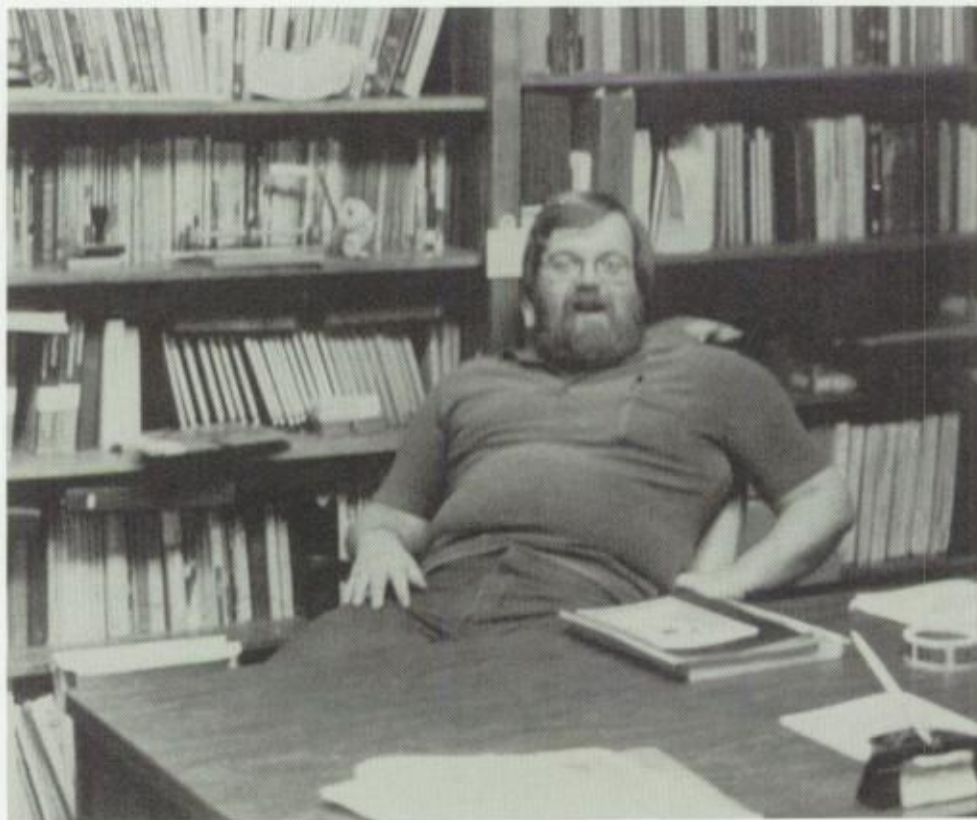
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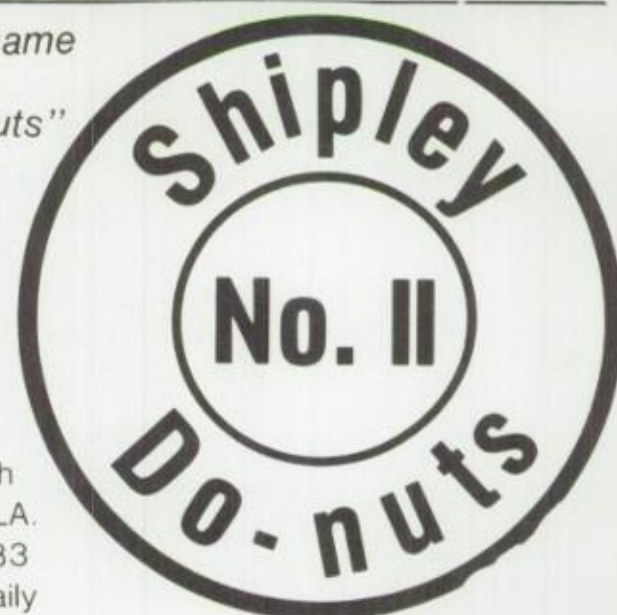
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# "It can't be done."

So said orchestra director Andy Isca about "West Side Story" as a high school musical.

What could bring three '81 graduates, a LaSalle High School band director, some 75 students on stage and backstage, and approximately 1,400 responsive audience members together?

The challenge of performing "West Side Story" as a school musical did just that in early February. Warned by orchestra conductor Mr. Andy Isca that the music in "West Side Story" was too difficult for high school students to master, interested thespians convinced Mrs. Linda Townsend that they could indeed perform the musical.

With six weeks of intensive rehearsals for lines, music, and dance, the cast members proved the warning issued by Mr. Isca to be ineffective, as the musical was performed not only on the two regularly scheduled nights but also during school hours the following week, marking the first time that a play had been performed at school since "Godspell" in 1975.

**"This is definitely one of the most successful plays ever done at West Monroe High School."**  
**Mrs. Linda Townsend, director**

Aiding in the production, in addition to Mr. Isca (who was working his third musical with WMHS) were Mrs. Patricia Payne, choir director; and 1981 graduates Susan Terral, pianist; Barry Colvin, technical adviser; and Laurie Yeager, choreographer.

**OFFICER KRUPKE, PLAYED BY Mark McManus, issues a warning to the Jets and Sharks at the dance.**

**SET CONSTRUCTION** took many Saturdays as Stanley Dupuy and Brett Cloyd use a scaffolding as basis for the balcony.

**LT. SCHRANK, portrayed by Mike Latham, quizzes Riff (Doug McKnight) about the proposed rumble to take place.**

To contribute to the school-wide production and to boost the income, journalism students sold ads for the newspaper program, the Orator. The students wrote, edited, and pasted up the 12-page edition.

In the lead roles of Tony and Maria were Rodney McGowen and Donna Moore. Other key roles were filled by Doug McKnight as Riff, Stanley Dupuy as Bernardo, and Gayle Hoover as Anita.

From the prologue to the last scene, those who saw "West Side Story" verified that Mr. Isca had seemingly underestimated the interest and talent of the WMHS group. Having remembered his earlier words, the cast and crew "invited" him to eat his words with a cake proclaiming "It can't be done" following the final curtain call.







**MEMBERS OF THE SHARKS** and *Jets* watch as their leaders Riff and Bernardo fight in the rumble, which ultimately leaves them both fatally stabbed.

**VOWING SHE DOES NOT LIKE** her dress for her first American dance, Maria is fitted by her friend Anita, played by Gayle Hoover.



**IN ONE OF THE** most popular songs from "West Side Story," Tony (Rodney McGowen) meets Maria (Donna Moore) on the balcony for their rendition of "Tonight."



**ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR** Andy Isca and pianist Susan Terral rehearse the music with Donna Moore and Gayle Hoover.

**TO ACHIEVE THE LOOK** demanded for the street gangs, Mrs. Townsend combs Craig Hobbs' hair in place with hair oil.



Kelley ran for two touchdowns in the third quarter to lead Captain Shreve's fourth-ranked Gators to a season-opening victory over West Monroe here Friday night.

Kelley, who led Captain Shreve 89 yards on nine carries, scored runs of six and 11 yards in the first quarter to give the Gators a 13-0 lead after a scoreless first half.

West Monroe cut the lead to six points with 1:24 left in the third period when reserve quarterback Jay Williams connected with Curtis Coleman on a 63-yard scoring strike. Bates kicked the extra point.

Captain Shreve iced the game with 5:15 left to play with a 27-yard back play from tailback Robert Moore to Cedric Thomas. Kelley ran for the two-point conversion for the score.

Captain Shreve took the second-half kickoff and drove 61 yards in seven plays for the game's first score. Kelley scored on a six-yard quarterback keeper around right to give the Gators a 6-0 lead. The PAT was no good.

Captain Shreve marched 75 yards in just five plays for its second score. The Gators moved to the West Monroe 39 on a 36-yard pass from Kelley to Brown Humphrey and Moore broke loose for a 25-yard run the 11 on the next play. From there, Kelley sprinted around left end for the score and converted the extra

a lead. Both teams blew scoring opportunities in the first half.

West Monroe drove 69 yards to the Captain Shreve four with the opening kickoff before fullback Tyrone Jacobs fumbled and the Gators recovered.

But Captain Shreve gave the ball right back after marching 91 yards to the Rebel's five-yard line where Kelley was sacked by defensive end Doug Garlington on fourth and goal.

West Monroe reserve fullback Ronald Gant led all ballcarriers with 103 yards on 15 carries.

The Rebels take on another Shreveport team next week, but this at home as Woodlawn comes calling Friday night.

The star-crossed lovers (Rodney McGowan as Tony and Donna Moore as Maria) share a tender moment. The play "Wait Until Dark" is scheduled for a two-night run at the WMHS auditorium. Curtain time.

## West Monroe

OUACHITA 35, WEST MONROE 16. The Tigers held a 16-15 lead at half-time. Pat Gix led all scorers for the Tigers. West Monroe, which was never caught the winning lead, led WMHS with 12 tall

## Gant, Johnson earn Rebel honors

Seniors Ronald Gant and Mike Johnson copped the top honors at the West Monroe football banquet Monday night.

Gant was named the team's outstanding offensive player while Johnson took top defensive honors. Gant was the Rebels' top rusher with 683 yards despite being hampered much of the time by an ankle injury. He was also the punter and was elected to the All-District 3-AAAA team at both positions for the second straight year. Johnson was a standout at outside linebacker and was also an All-District pick.

Head coach Andy Long made six other presentations. Todd Johnston was named outstanding back and Phil

Hutson Logan led the Rebels in receiving. Tair

viewed the High School present

Often

"Romeo and Juliet" centers on Tony, who is in love with Maria, a Puerto Rican. Their cultures are represented by two street gangs, the American "Jets" and the Puerto Rican "Sharks."

The feud continues as Tony and Maria's love develops despite family opposition. Songs featured during the play include "Tonight," "Maria," and "Somewhere."

"The music for this show is extremely difficult, especially for high school students," said Mrs. Linda Townsend, director. "But with the help we have had from the musical people involved, the show has been somewhat less difficult."

Helping with the music are Andy Isca, band director at LaSalle High School in Olla; Mrs. Patricia Payne, choir director at WMHS; and Susan Terral, 1981 WMHS graduate and current member of the Northeast Louisiana University Sound of Today, who has been rehearsal and performance pianist.

Choreographer for the show is Laurie Yeager, also a 1981 WMHS graduate and four-year member of the Twin City Ballet.

From the more than 100 students who auditioned for the musical, 52 were selected for

# Dinner theatre first for school

"Wait Until Dark" will be presented by Octagon Club at West Monroe High School in a dinner-theatre production Monday and Tuesday.

The play concerns a blind girl, Suzy Hendricks, who becomes the object of a search by ex-convicts looking for heroin hidden in a doll. Suzy's husband Sam was given the doll by a woman in Canada.

The doll is stolen from Suzy by the little girl who

lives above the Hendricks. Once Suzy recovers the doll from the little girl, she manages to keep the doll for herself and to save herself from the attempts on her life.

Directing the play, recently made into a television movie, is Mrs. Nancy Skains. Assistant director and stage manager is Mike Banks.

Cast in the role of Suzy is Kim Furlow. Sam is played by Jeff Counts with Craig

Hobbs portraying Renee Willis. David McCormick, Carlino, Brian C. Roat and Stacy S. Chip McNeil as p

Deborah Simmons in charge of lights. Bonds is handling and props.

Tickets are \$2 and show and only for adults. Prices are \$2. Dinner will be at performances se

## Tigers battle Rebels

THE THREE West Monroe High School students look over last year's school annual and make last-minute plans to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York City. From left, Doug, Patricia Mercer and Greg Baxter. WMHS seniors, were to leave this Wednesday, the only students attending the convention from Louisiana. Accompanying them is Hope Carroll, West Monroe High School for student publications. (Photo by Dietle)

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struction when rehearsals were not scheduled.

Cast as Tony and Maria are seniors Rodney McGowan and Donna Moore.

Other cast members include Don McKnight as Riff; Stacy Sullivan, Bl Wheelis, Scot Martin, Drew Kennedy, C Hobbs, Brett Cloyd, Bill Murphy and T Peters as the Jets; Stanley Dupuy as Berdo; Brian Creery, Jeff Counts, Bart Mc Lian, Mike Banks, Vaughn Landry, Rol Bordelon and Phil Hutson as the Sharks; Gayle Hoover as Anita; Kim Furlow as Cuelo; Patti Brownell as Rosalia; Karon derson as Graziella; Amy Meadows a Vel Kristy Whitlock as Anybodys; Mike Lath as Lt. Shrank; Mark McManus as Krup Maggie Robinson as Rosie, and Kim R tree as Gladys.

American dancers are Tammy Lena Penny Middleton, Dorothy Brakefield, son Adair, Carol Thames, Michelle Shel Rayne Williamson, Tracy Foote, and C Dison.

Puerto Rican dancers are Caroline W er, Deborah Simmons, Laura Smith, Re Willis, Ashley Blazier, Amy Shamblin, R Joslin, Melony Headry, Sha Renfrow, Bowman, Dawn Ferguson, Laurie Car Amy Webb and Rhonda Murphy.

Performances will begin at 7:30 p Thursday and Friday in the school audi

West Side Story slated for two-day run at WMHS

## WMHS



# WMHS

## In the news

From New Orleans to New York, members of the student body kept in the news through their participation and involvement in school and community activities. Whether in the *New-Star World* or in the *Citizen*, articles reviewed sports, clubs, trips, workshops, plays and individual achievements.

Each Thursday during Football season, much discussion centered on the Ted Lewis' predictions for Friday's game. As the season progressed, so did the discussions. Rebels were individually recognized for achievements in 4-H, Optimist Youth Appreciation, and Who's Who.

Service projects such as collecting money for Heart Fund, Muscular Dystrophy or March of Dimes kept the community aware of the interest of Rebels. Trips for the Raiders to New Orleans and Publications staffers to New York made the news. For seniors, one of the most significant events has yet to make the news, for graduation.

Rebels in sports, in clubs, in classrooms, in plays, and in personal accomplishments not only made the news but also made the community realize how WMHS continued to be Lookin' Good."



**1982 BROUGHT** on a new style and color of junior varsity football jackets, as shown by Joey Pleasant.

**ALLIGATORS REMAIN** "in the news" as a local restaurant offered fried alligator meat, tested (and rejected) by Donna Rogers, Don Harrell, and Mark McManus.



### BEFORE CHRISTMAS

holidays, Brett Cloyd (Santa) and Amy Meadows (Mrs. Claus) deliver Interact's "sweet messages to all teachers.

### WENDY WISENOR

purchases a friendship tag for delivery before Valentine's Day sold by Foreign Language members Holly Gorman and Stacy Smith.





# Good friends and good times

carried Rebels and Rebel fans through regular activities, as well as the unexpected ones, such as the snow in January.

A "Luv Ya Rebs" campaign, begun with posters in the fall, developed into a club complete with red, white, and blue license plates.

Columbian blue dominated as the Rebel color, replacing the royal blue. Jersey's jackets, and shirts reflected the newer, softer color to identify the Rebels.

An epic romance, "Reds," attracted students to the movie theaters and finally seemed to end the surge of horror releases. Songs immortalized the importance of the protagonist Pac Man whose insatiable appetite devoured the colored dots. Video games, both at home and in the arcade, offered a range of activities for Rebels to test their skills.

Successful theatrical productions, a celebration of Black History Week, a Saturday graduation, no scheduled spring break, limited deliveries of flowers at school (except for Valentines Day), and a nighttime Awards Day program made this year different. Events which will hopefully become traditions, such as honoring students who earned a 3.5 or above grade point average and the first Interact-sponsored MORP dance, occurred.

Excellence in academic areas remained apparent as students excelled in regional Literary Rally.

Whatever the interests, WMHS, its faculty, staff, and students can be found in the Rebelaire, which, although 29 years old with this edition, is like the Rebels and their fans, always striving to be

**LOOKIN' GOOD**

**SUSAN DAVIS**, takes a break from class to refresh herself at the water fountain.



**LEFTOVER LAI'S** from Hawaiian pep rally provided a diversion for senior Alan Gilbert on a long day after school.

**BOOKS IN HAND**, Linda Gross, Randy Branch and Thomas Davis join the rush to leave at the end of the day.



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